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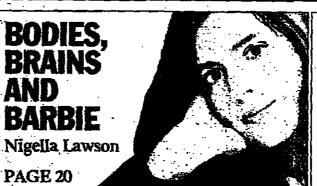
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Simon Barnes on the ruthless and the no-hopers



We wanted hostages, say terrorists

# Family killed in massacre at the temple

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER AND PAUL WILKINSON

THREE generations of a single family were among the British victims of the Luxor massacre, it emerged yester-day as the full extent of the Islamic terrorists' brutality in killing 58 foreign tourists be-

Five-year-old Shaunnah Turner, her mother Karina and grandmother Joan, from Rippondon, West Yorkshire, were on the third day of their holiday when they were mur-dered outside the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

Yesterday their bodies were flown to a Cairo mortuary to await repatriation along with the other massacre victims, including George and Ivy. Kent and Sylvia Wilder, a 26year-old air stewardess from

the South East of England. They had been killed as part of an operation by the Islamic group Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya in an attempt to force the release of its spiritual leader Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahmen who is in iail in America for plotting to blow up the World Trade Centre in New York.

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Admitting responsibility for the massacre yesterday, the group said that it had intended to seize hostages. But witnesses to the three-hour shoot-out said the six gunmen had made no attempt to take captives. They had climbed from their car and immediately fired at tourists with automatic weapons, then stabbed some of their victims to make

sure that they were dead. Rosemarie Dousse, a Swiss survivor, said: "They shot everyone in the arms and legs.



Joan Turner, ran agency caring for the elderly

Then they killed everyone who was alive with a shot to the head." And Mahmoud al-Rawi, a bus driver woonded in the attack, said: They came into the temple shooting. When their clips ran out, they took out knives and started slaughtering people."

Gamaa's admission that it

carried out the attack came as President Mubarak visited the massacre site and-promised action within 48 hours to tighten security at all his country's important tourist sites. He criticised his ministers for the lax security, and said that heads would roll. The area is full of tourists and you tell me police are two kilometres away. This is a joke of strategy." Within hours, the Security Minister Hassan el-

Alfi had resigned. The rapid response was an indication of how seriously the Government regards the terrorist threat to its internation-

industry. But it was not

enough to deter tour operators from all over the world pulling their clients out of the country and hundreds of Britons arri-

ved home early yesterday. Thomson, Britain's biggest tour operator, said that it was bringing back all its holidaymakers in Egypt and would not be flying there again this month. Other big companies took a similar approach, but they found resistance from customers angry about being forced to go home against their wishes.

Many felt that the com-panies — and the Foreign Office, which advised travellers to avoid the Luxor area -were over-reacting and that they should have been given the option of staying. Their complaint was borne out by Thomas Cook, which said that only two of its 140 clients in Egypt had decided to come home. The company intended Discovery Tour flight on Saturday, although the tour

would avoid the Luxor area. The son of two of the British victims was, however, alarm ed by the terrorist threat and had tried to persuade his parents to change their desti-nation. Ivy Wigham, 71, and her husband George, 69, had flown out to Egypt last Thursday for a celebration holiday after Mrs Wigham completed

an Open University course. Their son, Paul, said that he had been concerned about the murder of nine Germans on a tour bus outside the Egyptian Museum in Cairo in Septemal reputation and tourism ber and had urged his parents industry. But it was not to reconsider. "We said to



them to get their agents to find them another holiday, but they said they would be all right. They just liked the idea of going down the Nile."

As friends of the Wighams in Kent were mourning the couple, so the people of the Yorkshire village of Rippondon were remembering Shaunnah Turner and her family. A special assembly was held at St Mary's Infants School and a photograph was put on display by her friends.

Shaunnah had gone on holiday with her 24-year-old mother, an air stewardess. and her grandmother, who ran a care agency for the elderly and disabled. The three had shared their home with Shaunnah's aunt, Deborah, the sole surviving member of the family. Ms Turner, a 30-year-old Salford University student, said: "I've lost my mother and my sister and my

beautiful niece. I'm absolutely

distraught. I've lost every-

thing." The sixth British victim was also an air stewardess. Sylvia Wilder, who held dual British and Bulgarian nationality, had worked for Monarch Airlines for six months. She was based at Gatwick and lived in the South East, but the airline did married or had children.

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# US build-up over Iraq as Russia says peace at hand

By Tom Rhodes and Michael Binyon

AMERICA stepped up the pressure on President Saddam Hussein yesterday as Russia announced that it had worked out a plan to end peacefully the crisis between Iraq and the United Nations.

The US reinforced its number of warplanes in the Gulf in rsponse to Iraq's "offensive posture". The Pentagon said that Iraq's air defences were "extremely active" and appeared to be pointing threat-eningly at allied flights. "We are reacting in part to a graver threat we spot in the area," Ken Bacon, the department spokesman said.

The new deployment would include six F117A Stealth bombers, to be positioned in Kuwait, and six cruise missilecarrying B52 bombers to be stationed on Diego Garcia, the British dependent territory in the Indian Ocean.

An additional force of 30 aircraft, including FI5 and FI6 fighters as well as two Bl bombers was standing ready to fly to Bahrain if requested by the American commander in the Gulf. As many as six KC135 airborne tankers also were being sent.

The Pentagon statement came after Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, flew unexpectedly to Moscow for talks with President Yeltsin and Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister. Mr Primakov said after-

wards: "As a result of these talks, a specific programme has been worked out which, we believe, allows us to avoid military confrontation and the use of military methods, and to move towards liquidating this crisis, of course with Iraq fulfilling the corresponding UN Security Council res-

olutions." He gave no details of the plan and there was no word from the Iraqi delegation. Mr Primakov said Mr Yeltsin had urged him to meet the US, French and British foreign ministers today and that, if he could not, he would speak to them by telephone.

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, dropped a trip to Agra from her India travel schedule today to continue to pursue intensive contacts with her counterparts from Britain, France and Russia. James Rubin, her spokesman, said it had not been decided whether she would meet the foreign ministers of those countries somewhere in Europe for talks on resolving

the standoff with Iraq. "There has been no decision at this point about any meeting," he said, responding to reports that Mr Primakov, Hubert Vedrine, the French Foreign Minister, and Robin Cook would meet today in Geneva.

Britain vesterday gave a warning that Iraq probably still had enough missiles and chemical and biological weapons to be able to launch an attack on Israel or Saudi Arabia "within days".

According to a Whitehall intelligence assessment, declassified yesterday by Foreign Office, the possibility that Saddam retains a handful of largely completed missiles and chemical and biological weapons "cannot not be ruled

"Provided it still has key components - and that is unclear - Iraq could within a few months build, with little risk of detection, missiles capable of hitting Israel and key targets in Saudi Arabia," the assessment said.

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#### Laura Ashley's chief is fired

Ann Iverson has been fired as chief executive of Laura Ashley, the troubled fashion and furnishings retailer, after just 30 months in the job and will receive £450,000 compensation for loss of office.

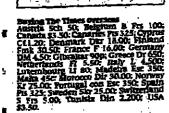
The company's finance director is also set to leave as soon as a replacement is \_Page 27

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The public strongly supported the tough crime policies initi-ated by Michael Howard as Home Secretary the latest *British Social Attitudes* report

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# Royal aircraft makes emergency landing as engines run out of oil

AND ALAN HAMILTON

AN AIRCRAFT of the Royal Flight was forced to make an emergency landing when three out of its four engines failed after a catastrophic fall The drama occurred during

a training flight, when a senior RAF instructor was on board with a trainee captain and a flight engineer. The Duke of York had travelled as a passenger on the BAe 146 only a few days earlier.

When the pilot landed at Stansted, Essex, it was discovered that even the fourth engine was in trouble. Low oil pressure warning lights were showing on three of the engines and full emergency measures were in place as the

plane came in to land. An investigation has been under way since the incident and it has emerged that none of the oil seals had been replaced during routine mainrenance work carried out by a





A BAe 146 of the Royal Flight. "Oil was pouring out"

private contractor, FRA Serco. 'Oil was just pouring out of the engine," an MoD official

The maintenance work had been carried out after the Duke's flight in the aircraft, which is one of three attached to No 32 (The Royal) Squadron, based at RAF Northolt, west of London.

The BAe 146s are used by the Queen, members of the Royal Family, the Prime Min-ister and other Cabinet ministers. A BAe 146 brought back the coffin of the Princess of Wales to Northolt from Paris

on August 31. The Queen returned with other members

of the Royal Family from Balmoral on a BAe 146 to attend the Princess's funeral and the Prince of Wales flew in one during a nine-day tour of the former republics of Soviet central Asia earlier this year. The MoD said the aircraft had operated properly for the

problem only arose after the plane had been in for modest maintenance work," an RAF official said. The plane took off from

Duke of York's flight. "The

emphasised that the trainee captain was a fully qualified pilot, but had just joined No 32

Fifteen minutes into the sortie, the three-man crew observed "fluctuations" in all the engine oil quantity indica-tors. They saw there was a problem in all the engines and immediately initiated a return to base," the MoD official

However, a low oil pressure warning light started to flash on one of the engines, which was immediately shut down. The pilot sent out a Mayday call and decided to head for Stansted, the nearest airport.

Two more oil pressure warning lights started to flash and the pilot was forced to reduce the power on two other engines to "flight idle", which provides only minimum

Before landing, the pilot shut down a second engine, then the third one as the plane Northolt for the training flight taxied on the runway.



Now I haven't seen one of these for a very long time

Hospital waiting lists in Eng-



#### Waiting lists rise by 1,000 a week

land are now growing by more than 1,000 patients a week, forcing the Government to water down its election promise to cut them quickly by 100,000.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, has managed to raise £5 million from savings on NHS red tape to set up new units to oversee greater authorities

# Audience makes Tchaikovsky's 1812 go pop

By RUSSELL JENKINS

THE AUDIENCE at a performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture in Manchester next week may be more than usually tense as the triumphant climax of the work approaches.

Just before the concert-hall normally echoes to the crash of cannon fire while the Russian and French national amhems battle it out, next week's audience in the Bridgewater Hall will be waiting for their cue from Timothy Reynish, the conductor, to provide the sound themselves - by bursting 4,000 inflated paper bags.
Tchaikovsky specified the cannon

shots to represent the triumphant Russian guns firing as Napoleon and this troops were forced to retreated from Moscow in the winter of 1812. But Mr Reynish, who is head of the wind and percussion school at The Royal Northern College of Music, decided that cannon would be an unnecessarily expensive luxury at the Prom'n'Aid Concert designed to raise funds for the British Red Cross. He got the paper bags, some bearing the legend "Thank you — call again".

from his local newsagent, so they have

no specific percussive properties. They

will be distributed to members of the

full-house audience as they enter the

auditorium. Mr Reynish aims to separate the audience into four groups and then briefly rehearse them in the art of blowing up a paper bag silently. "It's a problem for the conductor, co-

ordinating it all, because you have 140 musicians on stage and 2,000 in the audience. It is quite a problem synchronising 4,000 paper bags," he said, adding: "I think we are all excited and fired up about it. The climax will be a nervous time. If we have 2,000 people being nervous at the same time. we will be sure to get the adrenalin

Tchaikovsky, who claimed he wrote the overture with "no warm feelings"

Moscow square with a large orchestra, military band and cathedral bells as well as the cannon shots. But the first performance was on August 20, 1882, in a hall specially constructed for the Moscow Exhibition. Dr Rosemary Williamson, librarian

at The Royal Northern College, said: The cannons were included in the original performance. They were meant to commemorate the victory of Russia over Napoleon in 1812. It will be very interesting to hear the effect of paper bags. It sounds like it's going to be a really fun occasion that may well set a precedent."

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Scenes from a holiday film that turned into a horror: these pictures, taken by a British tourist, show Egyptian security forces in action after the massacre while shocked survivors wait near by

# They pulled victims on floor like sheep'

PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON AND DANIEL MCGRORY

AT LEAST four of the gunmen were hiding inside the Temple up to an hour before the ambush began, witnesses said last night. Disguised in the black uniform of police, they waited patiently for the first tourist buses of the day to arrive in the courtyard. Two more terrorists were spotted waiting on

the steps outside. Other witnesses remember see-

white car brandishing guns as the shooting began. There was mounting criticism over how long it took Egyptian security teams to reach the area and for rescuers to help the seriously wounded. Many of the injured say they lay cowering in

fear for an hour or more. The first victims, tour groups from Germany, Japan and Switzerland, were milling around in the courtyard when two men were seen pulling weapons from under their jackets. Badawy Ahmed Salem, 33, a taxi driver, said the gunmen sprayed automatic fire and shouting slogans. Some victims were made to kneel before they were shot, he said. They were pulling tourists like sheep on the floor and slaughtering them. We were up to our knees in blood." As well as wearing the winter

garb of the police, the terrorists had red bandanas on which was written: "We will fight until death." In the first minutes, the gunmen deliberately targeted the few police officers on duty before concentrating their attention on the hundreds

of innocent bystanders and street

bodies, stabbing at them with knives and firing at those who were still alive. Among the first victims were a Japanese honeymoon couple, Eiichi and Tomomi Kishida, who were married ten

days ago. The attack continued unabated for 30 minutes, say survivors. Between 30 to 90 minutes later, depending on which witness acequipped with AK 47 rifles and grenade launchers arrived and

killers were believed to have escaped to nearby graveyard. Some were seen hijacking passing cars to

One group comandeered a bus with three French tourists on board. The driver was too distraught to drive so one of the terrorists took the wheel. They were followed not only by soldiers but also by unarmed Egyptians in-cansed by what they had seen. The terrorists drove as far as the derelict Christian monastery of Dar Moharb where they abandoned the bus and set off on foot,

having killed the French tourists. Mrs Eman Abdelaal, a local English teacher, whose husband is a guide at the temple said: "The people from Luxor who followed them say that in the end the terrorists killed each other, with the

last one killing himself. When they escaped into the mountains, one of the terrorists was shot by a soldier and fell down. One of the other terrorists then came back and shot him dead so that he would not be taken and say

even though they had no weapons." From beginning to end, the shoot-out is estimated to have

lasted three hours. There was then another delay until rescue vehicles could reach the scene. Although authorities claim that six gunmen were killed, a number of witnesses put their total at 11. In a claim of responsibility, the al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) said that 15 members were in the ambush,

# Factional splits make security task harder

From Christopher Walker and Tunku Varadarajan

THE admission yesterday that the Luxor tourist massacre was the responsibility of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (The Islamic Group) came as Egypt's most active Muslim extremist group is beginning

The splits — both between factions inside Egypt and between the group's home-based fighters and exiled leaders — are seen by Western security experts as making the job of the authorities more difficult. On the day that 58 tourists were shot dead at the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, 300 miles away in a court outside Cairo, a leading member of the group was telling reporters that its offer of a ceasefire, first hinted at in July, still stood.

The original call was seen by some observers as recognition that the attempt to trans-

form Egyptian society by force had failed. But some Egyptian security officials saw it as a trick to try and lift the relentless security clampdown, which has included torture and rough justice.

The feelers for peace put out by the jailed members of the group's leadership were rejected, not only by President Mubarak, but also by members still at large.

The group was originally founded in the late 1970s by radical Muslim theologians led by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, whose freedom from jail in the United States was claimed by al-Gamaa as the motivation behind the Luxor ambush.

The blind Egyptian sheikh is in New York's Metropolitan Correctional Institute. serving a life sentence for "seditious conspiracy". He

has a burning hatred of the West and a self-appointed mission to "destroy" America. Abdel-Rahman, along with nine other co-conspirators,

United States; five bombs were intended to explode in and around New York on one day. Abdel-Rahman was also convicted of conspiring to assassinate President Mubarak in the United States in In 1993, six people were

killed in the bombing of the World Trade Centre, in New York. Although the sheikh himself was not charged in that case, four of the men convicted of the bombing professed to be followers of Abdel-Rahman.

Many original members of al-Gamaa group are among



15,000 supporters and sympathisers now behind bars in Egypt or the more than 50 executed. At the outset of its campaign in 1992, the group was much more disciplined than

particularly ruthless. Rural members of the security forces, tourists and Egypt's Coptic Christians have become the main targets of the

# Commons pledges to resist terrorism

By James Landale, political reporter

MINISTERS and speaking in the House of Commons, expressed their sympathies and condolences to the families bereaved by the Luxor massacre.

Doug Henderson, the Foreign Office Minister, said the Government would work with the Egyptian authorities to do everything it could to help to minimise risks for travellers and make "every effort" in the international light against

He said: "On behalf of the Government and, I am sure. on behalf of all members of this House. I extend my heartfelt sympathies to the families bereaved by this atrocity and

He said the Prime Minister. who spoke to President Mubarak on Monday afternoon, had "expressed his con-

had received around 1,000

calls by mid-morning to the

lines set up to help those

seeking information or con-

revised travel advice detailing the "major incident" near Lux-

The Foreign Office issued

cerned about relatives.

the fight against terrorism". Crispin Blunt, Tory MP for Reigate and special adviser to Malcolm Rifkind, the former Defence Secretary, urged the Government to do everything it could to protect the Egyptian tourist industry. He said the Government should give out enough information so that travellers could understand the risks of terrorism. But he added: "Don't encourage a

happened." Mr Henderson said: "We have a responsibility to provide advice to British citizens and British tourists on the dangers they may face when. they travel. Our assessment is that there are serious dangers in Egypt and have been for

wholly unnecessary panic

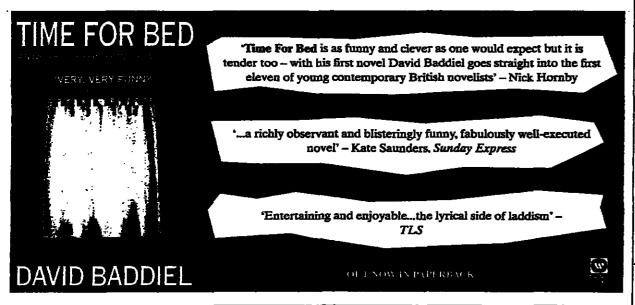
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Michael Howard, Shadow

wished to associate the Opposition with the sympathy the minister expressed to the families of the victims of this brufal attack and also to the sympathy extended to the Government of Egypt

Christine McCafferty, the Labour MP for Calder Valley, whose constituents included the three dead members of the Turner family, said: "I welcome the minister's message of condolence for the family and would like to be associated with them. I also welcome your unequivocal condemnation of terrorism."

Michael Fallon, the Tory MP for Sevenoaks who represented two other Britons who died, George and Ivy Wigham, spoke of the widespread shock and grief in Swanley that a dream holiday for two pensioners should



# Tourists advised to stay appears unstable. The Foreign Office said it was impossible

**MATTHEW PARRIS IS ON PAGE 15** 

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Egyptian Minister of Tourism called at the Foreign Office yesterday for talks with Baroness Symons. Mamdouh el-Beltagui expressed his Government's sorrow and condolences and discussed Egypt's readiness to help the thou-sands of tourists seeking a swift return home.

His visit was proposed before the Luxor massacre. Musa al-Amr, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, also telephoned Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to convey a message of sympathy to the victims' relatives The Foreign Office said that

its emergency response team

or and saying that this sug-gested that the threat to tourists visiting Upper Egypt had increased. British visitors were advised to exercise "great

caution" when visiting the area of the Nile valley south of, and including, Minya province. It added: "They are strongly advised to avoid the Luxor area until further notice." Foreign Office officials

said they had rushed out the notice as soon as the details of the massacre became clear. It was sent to all travel

agents and tour organisers who normally request guidance on the level of risk in any of the main tourist destinations. Travel advice is based on information sent to London by British embassies abroad. It is drawn up in consultation with consuls, who have to deal with any emergencies, and includes a political assessment of any instability or

terrorist threat. Not all tourist destinations

are covered, and advice is issued only if the situation

violence, and a blanker warning to keep away was often resented by countries whose economies depend largely on

to predict any outbreak of "

The Foreign Office refuses: to take responsibility for individual visits and therefore will 🕯 not guarantee anyone's safety, " preferring to outline the risks and leave decisions to travellers. However, most advice echoes the statement issued on Egypt yesterday: "Visitors to all other parts of Egypt, in-cluding Cairo, the Red Sea and Sinai, are advised to be vigilant and to respect any advice from the local security authorities."



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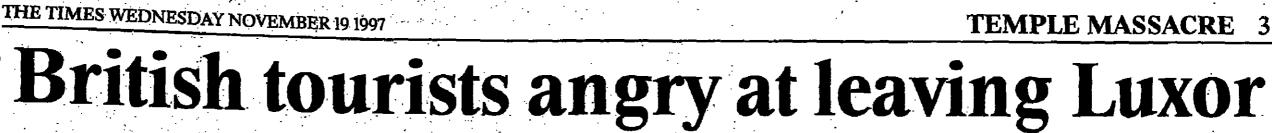
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# Holiday companies accused of panicking

BRITISH holidaymakers were angry yesterday that they were being flown out of Luxor after the terrorist massacre. They said that the Foreign Office and tour companies had overreacted

Convoys of coaches took visitors to Luxor airport as tour operators sent charter flights to evacuate the area. The bus came in their scores from such companies as Thomson Kuomi and Golden Joy Holidays. Most big tour firms decided to pull out, only some of the small independent travel groups giving their clients the chance to stay on.

One group of tourists had arrived only last night for a two-week tour of the region and were going back to London within 12 hours. Jenny Reynolds, from Birmingham, was with her 85-year-old mother. Eileen Reynolds. "It's just pure panic," Dr Reynolds said. "We were asked at Heathrow last night if we wanted to go and we all said

yes."
Geoff Gregg of Luton, Bedfordshire, said: "I'm absolutely furious with the Foreign Office. What message will we be sending to the terrorists if the British pull out?"

Gemma and Nick Wells. from Crowborough, East Sus-sex, said they had travelled around the world and did not want to return home. Mr Wells said: "As soon as the situation clears, I'll be the first to come back."

Tourists had been advised to remain inside their hotels and boats after the attack at the Temple of Queen Hat-shepsut. But a handful were mingling with local Egyptians outside the Loxor city council office. Many tourists spoke of their respect for the Egyptian people, saying that they had done much to ease the

Troops lined the El Nil Corniche and were positioned outside hotels, on rooftops, on terraces and alongside the cruisers that lined the east bank of the Nile. It soon became clear that they were there not to protect visitors but for the arrival of President Mubarak's, cavalcade, which; mared down the street in the



Many Britons, unhappy at their forced repatriation, were determined to return, reports David Hannah

haze and dust of the late As the President left Luxor after a meeting with hazaar

traders, the troops and security forces left too, leaving the streets to return to a more normal situation and more tourists to emerge from their In the ancient temples on

the east bank of the river and the Great Valley of the Kings on the west bank, only a few white-hatted tourists were seen among the giant ancient pillars. Their main source of information had come only from telephone calls home. Steven Coulson, 45, from Pon-

6 We're furious with the Foreign Office. What message will we

send to terrorists if we pull out? ?

tefract, who is studying Egyptology at Manchester University, was with ten other Britons in the town and did not plan to leave. He said: The shooting has shaken everyone up. People don't know whether to stay or go. British people are hoping to be moved out, but independent travellers like me don't know what to do. Luxor is like a ghost town. Everyone is terrified and wants to get out. I won't be leaving, though.

The Egyptian people are very angry and embarrassed They feel the attack was against them as well as the tourists," One Egyptian said that many of the local people wanted to burn the bodies of

Frank Denver, 27, from North Lordon, said: "We were told we all had to go, but my

girifriend and I have only just arrived and are insisting on staying put. We take the view that this was a one-off incident. It is not as if there is a war on here and that we could

Lesley Anderson, a nurse from Hedon, East Yorkshire, was on holiday with her mother, Jean Brownlee, and were upset with tour operators for cutting their holiday short by a day. She said: "It is pandemonium. The hotel foy-ers are full of people trying to check out. We don't feel at any risk, but we are being made to go home, and we think that is

But two young British women spoke of their fear at having to stay another night before they could catch a flight home. "We're trapped and terrified," said Jane Bussey, 23, from Bishop Auckland in Co Durham.

We're staying in a £2-anight pension down a little back street in the centre of town. It's not guarded and the people running it don't seem to realise how serious the situation is. We've been desperate to get out since we heard of the massacre."

During the day she and Tracy Jackson stay in the lobby of a well-guarded threestar hotel, but they do not have enough money to sleep there. Ms Bussey, an accounts clerk, said: "Luxor is like a city

under siege. The police have got helicopters flying overhead, the police are patrolling the river and there are police cars everywhere, with

As night fell, the streets were quiet, the horse-and-trap drivers lined up without cusstalls were becoming deserted. Most of the luxury cruisers remained tied up, their doors locked. Only a few whitesailed fishing beats plied their way from shore to shore.



Rosemarie Dousse recovering in hospital in Cairo yesterday. She smeared herself with blood and played dead

# Survivor tells of methodical killing

By Christopher Walker MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

A SURVIVOR of the massacre told yesterday how the gunmen had methodi-cally finished off their victims. Rosemarie Dousse said: They shot everyone in the arms and legs. Then they killed everyone who was alive with a shot to the

Mrs Dousse, a Swiss, said that she had survived only because she was covered by the bodies of two other tourists killed instantly when her group was first fired upon. She was shot in the arms and legs, but soaked her headscarf

in blood and smeared herself with it, then pretended she was dead when they returned. "They kept on coming back, the terrorists, they were dancing, singing:

She added: "They took all the you women, the girls, and disappeared with them. I do not know where they went with the women, but they hurt them, we could hear screams of pain."

An Egyptian driver, Hagag al-Nahas, said that he had dropped off a busload of tourists at the temple when the gunmen charged aboard. "There were six of them, five in police uniforms and another wearing jeans, who came aboard and

told me to drive them away from the temple. So I drove them round and round. They had the walkie-talkies of the policemen they had killed, so they could near everything that was going on.

Egyptians reacted with fury to the issacre. "They should take a terrorist in a public square and cut him up into tiny pieces to set an example," said Azza Abdel-Naby, a 27-year-old Cairo nurse. In Luxor, villagers spat on the bodies of the six gunmen as they were being carried to waiting ambulances. "Luxor lives on tourism. If that goes, there is nothing." said Magdi Wassef, a 32-year-



By DANIEL McGrory

A BRITISH nurse holidaying in Luxor was among those who helped to cope with the scores of dead and dying as they were brought to the city's general hospital.

For ten hours Sue Kelly worked in the overflowing emergency ward treating the wounds of tourists who described to her how they had been stabbed and shot.

There was such confusion that the dead bodies were just left next to the injured who were crying out for help," she said. "All around there were friends and family pushing between us, all trying to find their loved ones. It was so cruel and harrowing to watch. You felt helpless in the face of

such suffering."

Mrs Kelly, a divorcée from Haywards Heath in Sussex and a regular visitor to Luxor, was asked to go to the hospital by the manager of her hotel. She said: "It was obvious that many had been shot at close range, and others had been stabbed. They told me how the terrorists had run among them, shouting and slashing at them with knives. One man almost had his head severed. So many of those being brought in were beyond help.

She saw victims who had their throats cut. Others had their stomachs cleaved open by stab wounds. "It looked as if they had been executed rather than caught up in some random attack. The floors were running in blood."



# Airlift brings 2,000 home as travel firms count the cost

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PAUL WHITTAKER

ELEVEN empty charter aircraft flew to Egypt yesterday to bring home an estimated 2,000 British holidaymakers, including nearly 1,300 from the city of Luxor.

Every available seat on scheduled and pre-arranged charter flights was booked to ensure that no one was farced to remain in Egypt against their wishes. Senior travel industry figures said it was the largest single peace-time

The first of the relieved tourists arrived at Heathrow airport yesterday evening to be reunited with relatives who had waited for 24 hours for confirmation of their safety. More than 100 people on an home by Egypt Air after being

forced to cut short their stay. Nessie Brisbane, 72, from Falkirk, said: "We were on our way in a tour bus to the Valley of the Queens. We were told to stay where we were until a police escort came. We were whisked away to our hotel and told we had to leave Luxor as

soon as possible." The Cosmos holiday company said it was bringing allits customers in the area back to Britain, with sister com-pany Monarch having arranged two flights out of Luxor. Airtours said it was arranging to fly home its 351 holidaymakers in the Luxor area. It would fly about 600 holidaymakers to Manchester and Gatwick today - 351

Airtours clients, plus those of Golden Joy, Cosmos, First Choice and Aztec. Most tour operators have promised full refunds for holidays cut short. Several companies have

cancelled flights to Egypt later in the week and some operators have cancelled holidays in Egypt for the rest of the year at . the busiest time.
Thomson, Britain's biggest holiday company, said it was

cancelling its three Egypt-bound flights yesterday. A spokesman said: "All those in Egypt at present are being given the option of coming home early."

Many of the thousands of tourists forced to cut short their holidays had booked

tors who are increasingly dependent on the recent growth in the Middle East market. Improved travel links and the growth in five-star accommodation has introduced Egypt and neighbouring countries to a new market of huxury holidays costing up to £2,500 per

Among the most experienced operator specialising in Egypt is Bales Tours, a Surrey firm that was among the first to focus on the Middle East in 1962. Molly Bales, the firm's managing director, said: "We are used to problems arising in Egypt but this one will have a bigger impact. This one is more terrible and it will make

# Golfers mourn their friends

By PETER FOSTER AND DANIEL MCGRORY

THE veterans' section of Lullingstone Golf Club in Kent is in mourning over the death of a popular member and his wife in the Luxor

Last Thursday two of their oldest members set off with their wives for a winter holiday in Egypt. David Middleton and his wife Sheila survived the attack by Islamic terrorists. Their close friends George and Ivy Wigham lost

Yesterday, Brian Vallance, the secretary of Lullingstone Golf Club, said the two men had partnered each other in competitions for nearly 20 years. They played together in the local league and came up to the club three or four times a week together. They were both channing people and George will be sorely

The week before leaving for Egypt the veterans group discussed the trip over coffee and sandwiches which they always shared after golf George was fatalistic about the dangers," Alan Philpott, the veterans' treasurer, said. "If you're going to be killed,





George and Ivy Wigham: their son Paul told them that they should take bullet-proof vests to Egypt

what George always used to say. David was much more apprehensive and decided to take all the necessary

Paul Wigham tried to persnade his parents against their plans to sail down the Nile for their dream holiday because of the dangers.

After hearing how gummen callously executed tour groups they found at the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, he was haunted by the thought they too had been forced to kneel before being shot at point-blank range.

"I just get the same picture

you're going to be killed, was of my mother and father being forced to kneel down while someone machineguns them to death. I am a believer in non-violence. I think it is quite appalling they should treat innocent people in this way, quite appalling."

The 45-year-old computer

consultant told how his parents were just two days into a holiday that was to be a celebration of his mother imishing her Open University degree. They were undaunted by reports of terrorist attacks and were determined to enjoy

their cruise with the

Friends and family yester-

day described George, 69, and Ivy, 71, from Swanley in Kent, as "a devoted couple who lived for each other, their children and their two grandchildren". Mr Wigham said: "For all

their lives they have been careful. My mother, in particular, did not like doing risky things and it seemed to me they should have cancelled. But I could not talk them out "I actually said You should

take some bullet-proof vests along with you'. I was terribly worried. I felt after the last incident that they should have made more of an effort to

"But my father was getting on a bit. He was 69 and they wanted to see the tombs before they died. I feel very sad. They were such wonderful parents, giving, gentle

Mr Wigham said that For-eign Office diplomats had been of little help and it was only when he telephoned a number in Egypt that he was told his parents were among

Their daughter, Angela. and her two young daughters were last night said to be



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HEREDITARY monarchy may not grip the popular imagination as it once did, but there will be as many crowned heads at the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's goldenwelding anniversary tomor-row as there were at their marriage service. Some of them, admittedly,

are now more deposed than regnant. In 50 years, some monarchs have lost their thrones, some have regained them and some still wait for the telephone to ring.
The guest list for the thanksgiving service at Westminster

Abbey includes eight crowned heads and their heirs, which Buckingham Palace officials believe is an unprecedented gathering, at least since the days when Victoria's relations used to assemble at her feet at Balmoral.

Stable thrones will be repre-sented at the Abbey, including the present hereditary heads of state of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium and The Netherlands. Their parents and grandparents were wedding guests half a century ago.

There are two newcomers, the royal families of Spain and Jordan, absent from the origimal feast. Spain was still in its Franco period, with the throne in abeyance, and Jordan was then still Transjordan, newly created out of the British Palestine mandate with King Abdullah as its new head of state. King Juan Carlos will attend tomorrow with most of his immediate family, King Husain is otherwise engaged,

One monarch who regretted attending the 1947 wedding was King Michael of Romania, During his absence, Communists overthrew him, and on his return forced him to the Queen's anniversary

leave at gunpoint. The king, with his wife and heir, are now based in Switzerland, and will be at tomorrow's service, as will King Simeon of Bulgaria and his immediate family. The Bulgarians were absent from the 1947 wedding, and have still not reclaimed their

Given the Duke of Edinburgh's antecedents, neither wedding nor anniversary would be complete without the Greeks. They were there in force in 1947 and will be so again tomorrow, led by King Constantine, the last Greek monarch, who now lives in

One of the most hopeless thrones since the end of the Second World War has been that of Yugoslavia. That unhappy country's royal family were not at the 1947 wedding, despite having spent the war exiled in London Crown Prince Alexander, current claimant to the throne of a nation which in reality no longer exists, and himself a long time London resident, will be among the guests.

Others at the service will include most members of the but is sending numerous British royal family, a large contingent of the Duke of Edinburgh's Greek and German relations, members of the Mountbatten family, staff of the Royal Household, and many of the Queen and Duke's personal friends.

# 20 children arrested after rampage on bus

By Russell Jenkins

POLICE arrested 20 schoolchildren after they went on the gampage on a double-decker ous on their way home from school in Doncaster.

The youngsters, aged 11 to 2. screamed, shouted and pat as they ran riot through the bus, repeatedly opening the emergency door and rocking the vehicle from side to

police station, where they were released without charge. Police are talking to teachers about further action. Two of the pupils, from Hall Cross Lower School, in Doncaster, have been excluded and a further four or five face similar punishment.

After complaints from Mainline, the bus company, the local education authority has written to parents warning them that it is "simply not Officers, called to the scene, willing to tolerate such sook the children to Doncaster behaviour.

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# Golden wedding couples renew vows at service

By Russell Jenkins

MORE than 850 couples who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries this year renewed their marriage vows at a special service at Manchester Cathedral yester-

The service, organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, was timed to coincide with the week that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrate their own anniversary. All the cou-ples attending took part in the ballot to attend the golden wedding garden party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

Colonel John Timmins, the Lord Lieutenant, said: "Many of those who married in those austere days of 1947 could not have many trimmings which people associate with weddings today. They were usually very simple with little ceremony. We worked with the cathedral to make this service evoke memories and be as much like a wedding day as it can be."

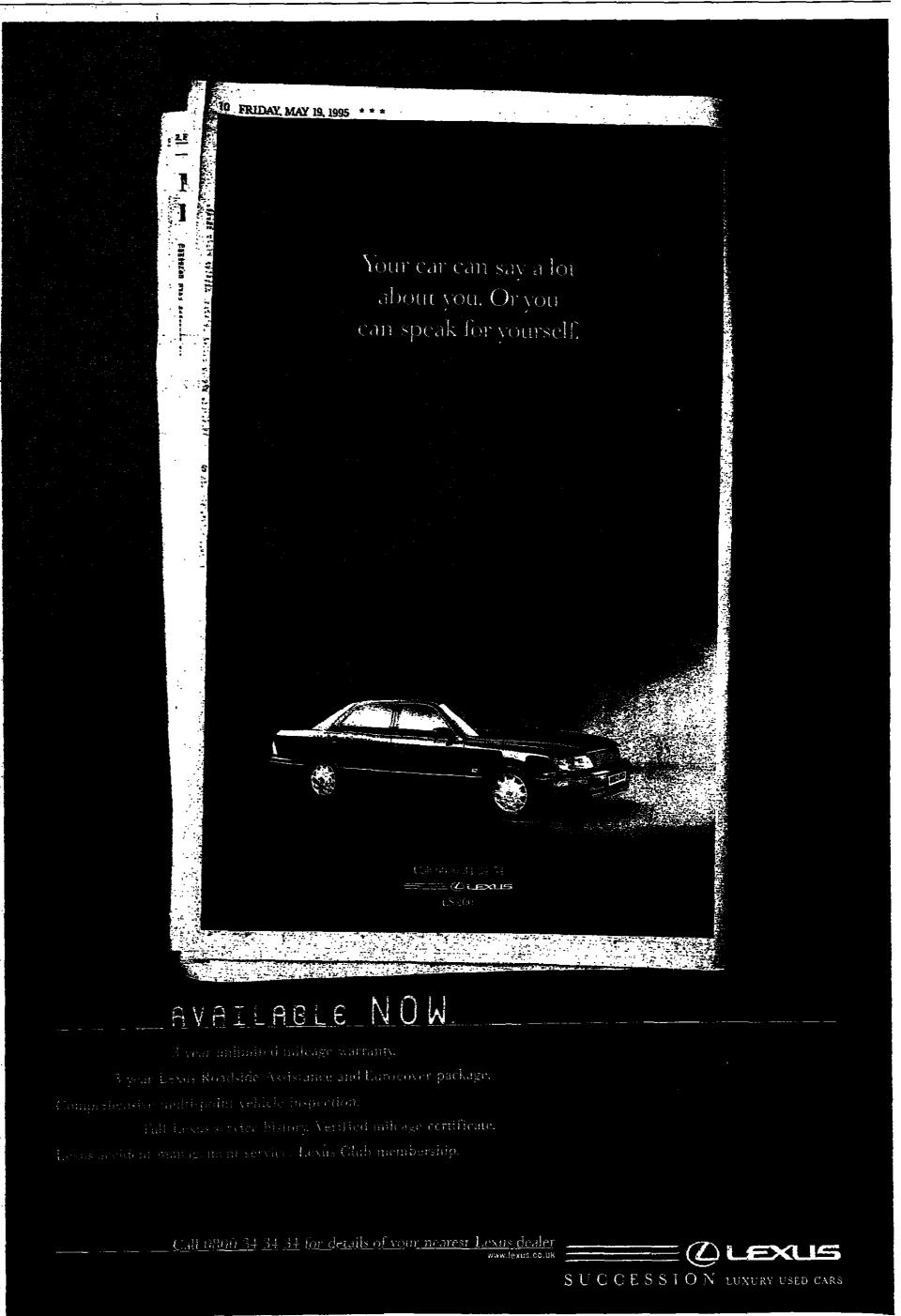
Among the invited guests were Diane McNiece, 30, and

Mark Kain, 26, whose wedding day in the cathedral was disrupted by the IRA bomb in the city last summer. The couple, who were eventually married on June 14, renewed their vows yesterday. Mrs Kane said: "We had hoped to walk through the west door (last year) but it was certainly disappointing to have to change our plans. This is a lovely idea, getting together with golden wedding couples. It makes you realise others have sufflered too."

The Lord Lieutenant and his ushers wore morning dress at the service. The music, created for the Queen's wedding was played by the Band of the King's Division Normandy. Each of the couples received a piece of wedding cake and souvenir orders of service. There was also a message of good wishes re-

corded by the Queen.

Donald and Constance
Ridgway, of Stockport, were
among those recalling their
wedding day. He said: "It is a dream come true for both of



# Accused officer 'let the side down' over affair

AN RAF officer became the "lap dog" of his Serbian interpreter after she manipulated him with sexual favours during his tour of duty as a military observer in Bosnia, a court was told yesterday.

Squadron Leader Nicholas Tucker, 46, who is accused of murdering his wife in Britain after being captivated by a fascination for his 2I-year-old mistress, was said to have obeyed her every whim. During his relationship with Dijana Dudokovic in the northern sector of the war zone in 1995, she undermined the United Nations military operation, and Squadron Leader Tucker "let the side down as a British passionate relationship was described by Lieutenant Tim Stear, of the Royal Marines, who served for a month with

Squadron Leader Tucker. Using military vehicles he would take her shapping when he should have been on patrol, said Lieutenant Stear. The military operations were based around her whim. It appeared that, whilst I was there, he was running around after her, fetching and carry-

ing beer and food at parties."
On the second day of Squadron Leader Tucker's trial for the murder of his wife, Carol, 52, in a car crash he is accused of faking, the jury was told that Miss Dudokovic had been prepared to use her attractiveness on "whoever was in charge". Lieutenant Stear told Norwich Crown Court that the relationship had interfered with the accused's military duties. He said that he had seen Squadron Leader Tucker every day for a month at headquarters, where two interpreters were assigned to them. Because of Miss Dudokovic's behaviour,

Lieutenant Stear claimed that Miss Dudokovic had been manipulative and "using sex to do so. That is her best asset." He added: "In my opinion, as a British officer he was letting the side down in terms of professionalism."

the other interpreter was given

an unfair burden.

Lieutenant Stear told the court that Jens Solvang, the Norwegian former operations criticised Squadron Leader Tucker's behaviour. In subse-



Tucker: he denies murdering his wife

quent reports from Sector North to the UN Protection Force in Zagreb, however, all officers were described as 'excellent". But Lieutenant Stear said that he did not

agree with the reports. Cross examined by David Cocks QC for the defence, the lieutenant was asked: "Are you saying he [Tucker] neglected his patrolling duties because he was doing favours for Dijana?" Lieutenant Stear replied: "That's what I am

saying sir, yes."
"What you are telling this jury is that he [Tucker] was

pay any attention to his du-ties." Lieutenant Stear replied: "That's very strong language. but it is not far from the truth,

Lieutenant Stear denied Mr Cocks a suggestion that he had made a pass at Miss Dudukovic at a party. Mr Cocks then put it to him that he could not remember much of the party because he had passed out. The jury were then shown pictures of a man collapsed at the bottom of some stairs. Lieutenant Stear was asked if it was him. "Yes. sir, that's me passed out at the hottom of the stairs," he

Earlier the jury was taken to the scene of the car crash near icklingham, Suffolk Squadron Leader Tucker is accused of staging the crash near the home he shared with his wife and two children at Honington after returning from his six-month tour of Bosnia in 1995. The jury has been told that the officer, who denies murder, deliberately crashed his car into the shallow river.

side of the car, drowned, but, it is alleged, only after her husband had asphyxiated her. The trial continues.



Dijana Dudokovic with her husband in Zurich, where they now live, last night

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

# Drug czar's deputy took cannabis

The deputy to the new "drug, > czar" was appointed to the £45,000 post after admitting? to three Cabinet ministers that he had smoked cannabis while he was a student.

Michael Trace, 36, disclosed that he had "experimented" with the drug at Bristol Polytechnic. His drugtaking was known to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and Ann Taylor. Leader of the House.

Keith Hellawell, the former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire who is to be the "drugs." czar, formally known as the Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator, from January, told the ministers he had never taken illegal.

### Clegg appeal

Lee Clegg, the paratrooper's fighting his conviction for dividual murdering an 18-year-old Belfast joyrider, will learn today whether the Court of Appeal will admit new evidence that he hopes will clear his name. A panel of three judges will rule on the admissibility of ballistics tests ordered by his defence team.

# Fears for trawler

An RAF Nimrod plane and a helicopter searching for the 70ft trawler Margaretha Ma-ria, with four crew from: Newlyn, Cornwall, spotted debris in the sea near her last reported position. The area has been hit by gales. The search for the vessel, which has been out of radio contact. for a week, continues today.

#### Youngest sex pest

A 13-year-old boy has become the youngest person on the new national register of sex offenders. He was put on the list after admitting six indecent assaults on girls at his school in Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, over more than 18.2 months. He was also placed under supervision for two.

#### Rodgers elected

Lord-Rodgers of Quarry Bank, 69, one of the "Gang of Four" of Labour Shadow ministers who defected to Party in 1981, has been elected leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords. He will succeed Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, another founder of the SDP, in the new year.

#### £14m tagging bill

A national scheme of electron ic tagging would cost £13.9 million in its first year. according to a Home Office study. It estimated that about 8,000 tagging orders would be imposed annually by the courts. The the cost of a curfew order linked to a tag is E1,750, compared with £2,200 for a probation order.

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a public car park. Keith Hammond, a former chauffeur, mistook a pedestrian access for the exit and found himself trapped, with the doors of his Ford Fiesta jammed against the sides of the narrow walkway. Then he fell asleep.

The car was so firmly wedged that a tow truck was needed to free it. Yesterday. magistrates at Fornes, Devon, were told that Hammond, 56, had an alcohol reading 512

nighest on record.
Hammond, of Chillington. Devon, who had no previous convictions, admitted drinkdriving in the incident at Torcross. He was banned from driving while pre-sentence reports are prepared.

Madeleine Jackson, for the prosecution,, said: "An officer found Hammond slumped forward with his head on his chest. The handbrake was off and the car was in first gear." John Hansell, for the defence, said: "Hammond is a man of impeccable character. He drove for the chairman of a arge British company."



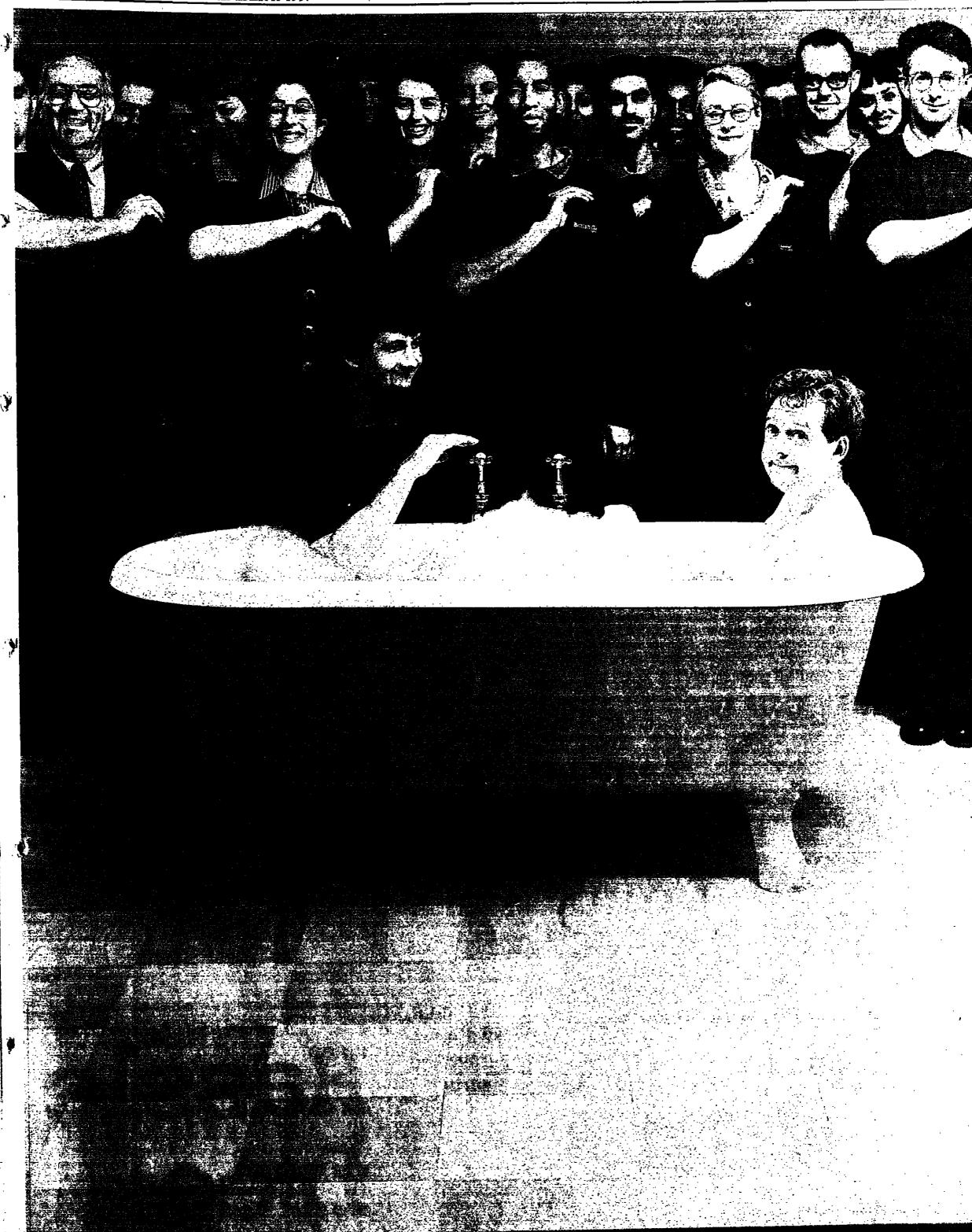
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# Man seen fleeing from fields where Kate's body lay

A MAN who appeared to be running from fields where the body of the murdered schoolgirl Kate Bushell was found. detectives said yesterday. He was spotted by a witness

around the time that Kate's father discovered the 14-yearold's body with a deep cut to the throat. Mr Bushell had gone out looking for his daughter, accompanied by a policeman, when she failed to return home after walking a

neighbour's dog.
Detective Superintendent John Smith said: "We must find this man. If he is not the offender, then he is a vital witness. His sweatshirt was red-stained, which could have heen blood."

The man, who had a moustache, was seen running from fields into the Kinnerton estate, a modern development near Kate's home in Exwick, on the outskirts of Exeter. He was described as in his early 30s, white, 5ft 10in or 5ft 11in, medium build, with short brown hair and wearing a blue sweatshirt, jeans and muddy trainers. He was seen



Kate Bushell: found 300 yards from home

Police also appealed for information on a second man who had been seen in the area. He was described as scruffy, 5ft 10in to 5ft 11in, fate 30s to early 40s, straggly "salt and pepper" hair, thickset, with stubble brown checked

overcoat. Detectives disclosed that a London businessman, who wished not to be named, had offered a £20,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the killer: Detective Superintendent Michael Stephens, who is leading the murder hunt, said:

reason for putting forward the concerned parent."

As the search for the murder weapon continued yesterday. firefighters drained a pond near the scene. Police also continued house-to-house inquiries in the area.

Alison and Stuart Smith, who own Gemma, the Jack Russell which Kate had been taking for a walk, spoke yesterday of their guilt that she had died while helping them when they were away on holiday. Mr Smith, a building site manager, said: "Initially, we felt shock and guilt that Kate was taking out our dog. We want to catch this man as soon as possible. If anybody knows of anything or has seen anything, they should contact

the police. Mrs Smith, a dinner lady, added: "Kate was a very intelligent and very responsible girl, who was much older than her years. She used to babysit for our three children and took care of our dog when

we were away." Mr Smith said Kate's parents, Suzanne and Jeremy, were coping well. He said: "I and that the route Kate had people. She added that their



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vet. They are keen to speak out, but not at the moment. Mrs Smith said she had never felt unsafe in the area

eldest daughter, Katy, 10, had broken down in tears when told of her friend's death. "She has since been to see the Bushells to give them her

had so much energy and loved children and dogs. She as we can." was very motherly to our

children. "We are spending a lot of time with Suzanne and

to be there for them as much

Margaret Bushell, Kate's grandmother, from Norfolk. said: "We are devastated. I think you have already been

a discriminatory manner is

contradicted by the facts as we

have found them in respect of his credibility and his attempt to assist [the Afro-Caribbean

The tribunal at Croydon,

South London, said: "We are

convinced that this was a

matter of personal animosity

on the part of Mr Boothman,

who manipulated the outcome

employe

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# Emergency cancer line inundated with calls

An emergency helpline set up after it was revealed that thousands of smear tests could have failed to detect signs of cancer has been inundated with calls from worried women, health chiefs said. More than 600 women

called the helpline in 12 hours. Warwickshire Health Authority is to rescreen 18,000 slides after doubts were cast on the accuracy of the tests. between January 1995 and April 1997, at a pathology laboratory at the Hospital of St Cross in Rugby. Results are expected in three months.

#### Fate sealed

A lifeboat became stuck on the seabed near Brighton beach after it was hit twice by 12ft waves while searching for a body reported floating in the water. One crewman was rescued by coastguard helicopter and two others reached the shore unaided. The "body" was a live seal.

#### Flower power

A rose named after Diana, Princess of Wales has proved so popular that buyers now face a two year-waiting list. The elegant white rose, unveiled at the Chelsea Flower Show last year, was named after the Princess to raise funds for the British Lung Foundation.

#### TV verdict delay

The High Court reserved judgment on whether Brentwood Borough Council in Essex exceeded its powers, when closed-circuit television. film of a man trying to kill himself with a knife was given to media organisations. It was shown on the BBC's

23.00

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# Arresting line-up

Peter Kavanagh, 21, a burglary suspect wanted for jumping bail, was re-arrested when he joined an identity parade at Bridewell police station in Bristol for the £10 paid to volunteers. He was recognised by a WPC.

#### Benny's last bow

Jack Benny's violin, part of the late comedian's act for more than 40 years, fetcher £49,900 at Sotheby's London. Benny once accompanied the piano-playing President Truman and duet-ted with Richard Nixon.

#### Tourist's curse

A stone taken as a souvenir from Conwy Castle in North Wales has been posted back from New Zealand by a terrified tourist called Conway. She believed it was cursed after she was hit by a run of bad luck.

# Villagers in a flap over dovecote

since flown, but villagers living near Britain's largest surviving medieval dovecote are determined that no one else should move in.

Plans by the family that has owned the dovecote for 300 years to turn it into bed and breakfast accommodation have united the residents of a Cotswold village. They have formed a Save the Dovecote society, engaged the services of a London barrister who has a weekend cottage in the village, and intend to set up a charitable trust to buy it.

The 15th-century stone dovecote is 30ft high, has 1,175 nesting holes and is a landmark in the village of Naunton, near Stow-on-the-Wold. It is situated in watermeadows close to the River Windrush and featured in the 1992 BBC costume drama Adam Bede, starring Patsy Kensit and Sean Bean.

Naunton was the home of the former Nicholas Ridley, who was accused of with proposals for a joint venture to buy local families what to do."

Simon de Bruxelles on

a proposal to turn a

15th-century nesting site into a B&B guesthouse

being a Nimby when he objected to plans to build new houses in the village. Martin Macklin, a local publican, submitted the plan to convert the Grade II listed dovecote for an elderly cousin, Geoffrey Hanks, the landowner behind the development opposed by Mr Ridley. Mr Macklin wants to turn the rundown dovecote into a one-bedroom

dation units for family and bed-andbreakfast use on the same site. But villagers have approached the

house and erect three separate accommo-

Morton, chairman of the Naunton Dovecote Conservation Group, said: "We have already held two meetings with nearly 70 villagers turning up at each. The local stonemason and other villagers have already offered their skills to help with restoration and a barrister with a weekend home here, Michael Crystal,

OC, has offered his services." Mr Macklin, landlord of the Black Horse Inn, said he wanted to conserve the building, which had been in his family for generations. He said: "The best way of saving it is to find a viable alternative use for it and that is precisely what turning it into a home would do. Outwardly the only change to its appearance would be glass in the windows."

Mr Hanks, in his 80s, says he is unlikely to sell to villagers, whether or not the application is approved. He said: "Most of them haven't been here more Tory Environment Secretary, the late National Trust and English Heritage than 312 minutes and now they are telling

# Race council lawyer victimised colleague

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT non-lawyer on the recruitment

panel was influenced to change radically her marks

for Mrs Naidoo and assess-

ment sheets were not signed

The tribunal said that Mrs

Naidoo, a South African-born

Indian barrister, was unfairly

treated by Mr Boothman, who

had a strong reason to disad-

vantage her because she had

made a previous complaint

by all panel members.

against him.

THE Commission for Racial Equality was found guilty vesterday of discriminating against an Asian employee because she had made a previous complaint against the organisation.

Chris Boothman, an Afro-Caribbean who is the CRE's legal director, acted out of personal animosity and manipulated an appointments panel to damage Raj Naidoo's attempt to become a principal officer, an industrial tribunal found. Mr Boothman tried to help an Afro-Caribbean employee by setting interview questions based on work that she had carried out during the previous two weeks.

The tribunal ruled that Mrs Naidoo had been suffered discrimination as a result of victimisation. But it said that her claim of racial discrimination was "not well founded". The tribunal dismissed Mr

Boothman's evidence as "not credible" and found a series of failings at the CRE over the appointments procedure.Key documents were altered and the originals were missing, the

100ft hole

swallows

garage and

garden By A Staff Reporter A MAN who has lived in the same house since he was a child returned home from work to find half the garden he tends every day had disappeared down a 100ft hole. Ken Derham, 54, said he could not believe his eyes when an old mineshaft opened up and swallowed half his garage, a coal shed and the

garden path at the side of his end-of-terrace home in

Fishponds. Bristol. The Vic-

torian house had to be fenced off while the Coal Authority, which is footing the bill, worked through the night to

repair damage estimated at E10,000.

lucky there was nobody at the side of the house. It went down right where we had a coal bunker at the end of the

Ranji Patel, a neighbour, said: "One of our bedroom walls has a 6ft crack in it and

we were not allowed to use that room while they filled in the hole. I was very worried,

but they say it's safe now."

According to experts, the disused shaft is one of 300,000 scanered around the country and could be up to 300 years

garden."



marks were changed

of the deliberations of the panel to ensure that Mrs Naidoo was not appointed and was not even the next in line." Mr Boothman faces the prospect of disciplinary proceedings over selection procedures. Mrs Naidoo, from Finchely. North London, had failed to become principal legal officer in 1994 and complained to an industrial tribunal that she had been racially discriminated against when the post went to a white woman. She withdrew the complaint and in 1995 applied for the post when it again became vacant.

A statement from the CRE said that it did not accept it acted unreasonably but took seriously the tribunal finding.



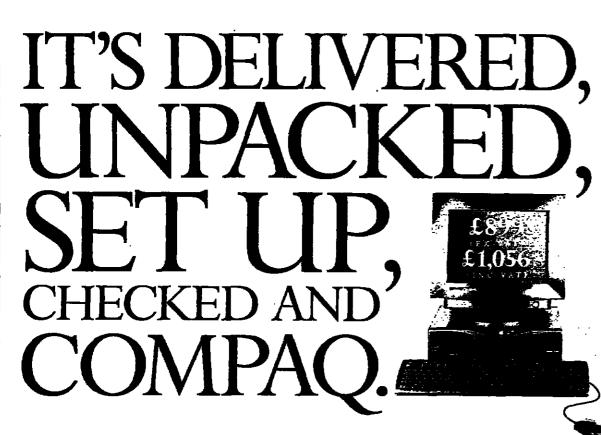
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# Emergen Hospital waiting cancer in lists are growing inundate with call by 1,000 a week

England are now growing by more than 1,000 patients a week, forcing the Government to water down its election promise to cut them quickly by 100,000.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, unable to prise any more money from the Treasury to tackle the problem, yesterday scraped together £5 million from savings on NHS red tape to set up new bureaucratic units to oversee greater efficiency by health authorities. The units include an "action team" to find and co-ordinate good practice, plus eight regional task forces who will oversee management. If the advice is not followed they will be able to send in a hit will be able to send in a hit squad to sort out the

At the best, Mr Dobson hopes that the new system will be able to hold the line on waiting lists this winter as well as ensure that, by March, nobody has to wait longer than 18 months for treatment.

Labour was elected promising to cut the waiting list by 100,000, but figures released yesterday show that, between May and the end of September, it grew by more than 150,000 to 1,207,500 — the The number waiting more

than one year increased by 11,000, or 24 per cent, to 57,700. Among those are 818 who have been waiting for more than 18 months - which the Patient's Charter states should be the absolute maximum time that anybody should have to spend without being treated.

In June of last year only nine people had been waiting more than 18 months, Mr The Government

is finding it hard to make good its

election pledges,

says Ian Murray

Debson said it was imacceptable that anyone had to wait that long. Blaming the growth of the waiting list on Conservative policies, he said it would probably not be until towards the end of the present Parliament in 2002 that Labour would be able to honour

its election promise. The growing waiting lists are like a supertunker," he said. "It will take a long time to slow them down, longer to stop them and even longer to turn them round. But turn them round we will.

We have provided an extra £300 million this year to help to restrain a growth in the list during the winter and from then on we will be setting



Dobson: said cuting

it gradually."

The man given the task of cutting waiting lists is Stephen Day, chairman of the new Waiting List Action Team, who as regional director in the West Midlands has succeeded in cutting the waiting list by 31,000 over two years.

Although more than half the 120 health authorities in England expect to enter the next financial year in debt, Mr Dobson made it clear that he did not expect to get any extra. money to bail them out.

"The answer cannot just be loads of cash," he said. "There are huse differences between hospitals and regions serving similar populations. Organisation and good management to target resources must play

☐ Health authorities are wasting money and effort duplicating work on expensive state of the art specialised services, according to a report by the Audit Commission published today.

Two neighbouring authorities often carry out assessments of the same treatment. resulting in patients in one post code area receiving a new treatment which is denied to patients with an identical condition in another area.

Calling for a centralised body to act as a clearing house giving guidance on the cost effectiveness of new treatments, the public spending watchdog claims this would pay for itself in saving money from the £1.4 billion spent by the NHS each year on rare treatments such as bone marrow transplants, neurosurgery and cachlear implants.

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Dr Ian Smail of Durham University with one of the radio messages of distant stars taken with Edinburgh Royal Observatory's Scuba

By PAUL WILKINSON

BRITISH astronomers have given the name Le Blob to a newly discovered galaxy 10 million light years from Earth.

The unconventional title celebrates the involvement of two French scientists in the discovery, and the splash of light it made in the first pictures taken with special equipment devised by the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh.

The discovery of Le Blob, one of several galaxies found at an observatory in Hawaii using a sensitive microwave detector called Scuba. happened almost by default. A team of three British scientists was carrying out research with the James Clerk Maxwell radio telescope on top of the dormant Mauna Kea volcano. British scientists find galaxy called Le Blob

13,000ft above sea level, when their cloud, travelling at about one billion equipment failed. So they called in Scuba, the Submillimetre Common User Belometer Array, which took 50 ears to build at the Edinburgh Observatory and had not been used

The brightly burning stars of the galaxy were shrouded from view in clouds of galactic dust. The dust absorbs the starlight and it can be picked up only as microwaves. Scuba was able to detect the microwaves as they penetrated the interstellar dust

kilometres per hour. One of the team, Dr lan Smail, 31, of Durham University, said: "We were the first people to be lucky enough to use the Scuba microwave detector.

"It allowed us to detect the heat from the dust in these galaxies and take a picture. Even the most powerful telescopes had been unable to detect them in the past. It looked like a big blob, and we had two Frenchmen working alongside us, hence the ed at 13 billion years old.

name. We have looked into a part of the spectrum that has never been viewed before. It has allowed us to see, in a certain amount of detail. galaxies in their infancy.

"It will allow scientists a new insight into the way the galaxies are formed and help in establishing the date of creation of the universe. One of the things we are interested in is the time it took for the galaxies to form, whether it was in a sudden violent episode or over a period of a few billion years."

In one small section of the night sky the team - which also included Andrew Blain, of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, and Rob Ivison, from the University of Edinburgh — were able to identify a cluster of galaxies, each one estimat-

# Parents win right to claim CJD damages

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS of children who died from a lethal brain disease after being treated with growth hormone taken from human corpses won an appeal yester-day against being excluded from ation. The deci-

children developed Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CID) after being given the hormone to combat dwarfism will now be eligible to seek damages.

Between 1959 and 1985 some 2,000 children were enabled to attain normal statore through unplants of growth hormone taken from the pituitary

small number of these children - 26 to date - developed CJD. It has been established that they were inadvertently given growth hormone from the bodies of people who had died of CID and were injected by this route.

The Court of Appeal overturned a High Court ruling that parents of

affected children could claim compensation only if their hormone treatment began after July 1, 1977. Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Chadwick, said the six families barred from compensation should be entitled to seek damages because their children's treatment had "straddled" the cut-off date.

# Fibre to cure bowel cancer

LIP TO 10,000 cases a year of bowel cancer could be prevented if people ate enough fibre for breakfast, according to research published yesterday (Ian Murray writes).

Scientists have discovered that a natural substance called butyrate, derived from the

fibre, can block the cancercausing gene which grows turnours in the large bowel and kills 18,000 people a year. Scientists at Bristol University have grown tumours in a laboratory while treating patients with products of fibre

fermentation. They found that

to self-destruct. "Interestingly, although able to induce colorectal tumour cells to commit suicide in the laboratory. butyrate is thought to be beneficial to the normal large howel," said Chris Paraskeva. one of the researchers.





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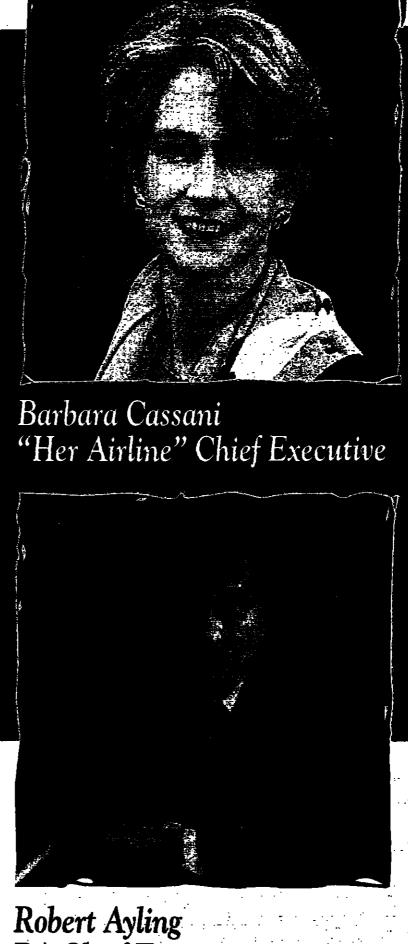
Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But the latest move by the 'world's favourite airline' reads like a photocopy of the easyJet business plan! Unfortunately there is no copyright on good ideas even if you have been led into believing that they were interested in buying a stake in easyJet. BA told us that they could not proceed because they would not get regulatory approval.

Why should they be allowed to proceed on their own without regulatory approval? They have now said the new subsidiary would be losing money until the third year, although they have refused to say how much. Therefore we have a dominant airline willing to lose unlimited sums of money competing with substantially smaller airlines that

could be driven out of business in the process. It seems to us like a textbook case of abuse of dominant position under article 86 of the EC Treaty. We expect the European commission to investigate this new cheap trick by BA and stop it before it has achieved its desired effect. Look at their track record: Laker, British Caledonian, Danair, Virgin, who is next? They were all either bought or nearly or actually driven out of business.

Anyway, they are still looking for a name so since they seem to like the easyJet ideas we suggest that they should call "her airline "the AYLING EXPRESS in honour of the tough talking CEO of BA.

If you have a better idea of a name for the new " cheap trick " fax us on 01582 877 202, we'll forward all your thoughts to Bob Ayling!



BA Chief Executive

We expect the European commission to investigate this new 'cheap trick' by BA and stop it before it has achieved its desired effect.



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# Howard's tough line on crime backed by public

THE public strongly support-ed the tough crime policies initiated by the last Home Secretary at the same time as developing profound suspicions about the legal system, the latest British Social Attitudes report has found.

The 14th annual report, published today, found public sympathy for suspected criminals falling and support for greater police powers and stiffer sentencing rising sharply. Most Britons also said they could imagine circumstances in which people should break the law to follow their con-

The independent research group Social and Community Planning Research polled a random sample of 3,500

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adults in England, Wales and Scotland for the survey in 1996. The conclusions suggest that the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, has little option other than to follow the tough line taken by his predecessor. Michael Howard, if he is to retain public support. More than 70 per cent of those polled believe people who break the law deserve stiffer sentences. and 86 per cent believe too

let off lightly. While more people still think it better to let a guilty man go free than to convict an innocent one, the gap is start-

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many convicted criminals are

ing to narrow considerably. More than 25 per cent would now prefer to see an innocent person in prison than a criminal let off. More than 33 per cent

believe police should be allowed to detain a man with no criminal record if they have a tip he plans to commit a crime, with 66 per cent sup-porting arrest if the man has a criminal record.

These tough attitudes towards criminals are tempered by a growing tolerance for "crimes of conscience" and a creeping mistrust of the police and the criminal justice system. Fifty-five per cent think there are occasions when a person should follow their conscience if it means breaking the law, while 41 per cent urge obedience in all circumstances. The figures reverse

those ten years ago.

The police are still thought to be doing a good job by 82 per cent, though that is down from a 1982 high of 92 per cent. Those saying the police do a very good job are down from 42 to 24 per cent

The authors of the report's crime findings, Roger Tarling of the Unviversity of Surrey and Lizanne Dowds of Queen's University, Belfast, said the results stemmed from recorded crime figures which rose from 2.5 million to 5.6 million between 1979 and 1993. Ambivalence about the legal system and draconian attitudes towards punishement indicated a frustrated reaction against trends in crime". ☐ The survey found that the "couch potato culture" of television addicts who know everything about soap operas and little or nothing about politics and current events is a myth. It noted that television actually enhances viewers' knowledge and understanding, contributing greatly to the political process. British Social Attitudes: The End of Conservative Val-

ues? 14th Report (Ashgate

Publishing: £25)



# Thatcher voters were big spenders at heart

because they had not convert-

ed Thatcher voters to Thatch-

erism; and it also holds a

warning for Tony Blair. Ali-

son Park, one of the editors,

said it made depressing read-

ing for both main parties. "It

really shows the extent to

which 18 years of Conserva-

tism failed to change public

attitudes despite an unprece-

dented opportunity," she said.

that it is not easy to change the

The message to Labour is

won plenty of votes, but did little to capture the hearts and

minds of the public. The British Social Attitudes report found people's views remarkably resilient through the 1980s, despite the then Prime Minister's wish for Britons to embrace her laisser faire philosophy. The electorate was never fully won over to Tory policies on the labour market and housing, and remained attached to high public spending on health and education through 18 years of Tory rule. Under-35s, the so-called "Thatrher's Children", are now the age group least likely to vote Conservative, the report says. Compiled on 1996 field-

work, it suggests that the

people think and Under the Tories, the public consistently gave importance to public services such as health and education; dissatisfaction with the health ser-

vice doubled from 25 per cent

in 1983 to half those polled in

Tory market reforms. Several central parts of the

Thatcher programme failed to find real favour among the electorate. Moves towards a flexible labour market were linked to rising job insecurity, and home ownership appeared a mixed blessing after the high interest rates and property slump of the early 1990s. Only on crime did the Tories touch a nerve, with the

hardline prison-centred poli-cy of Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, reflecting public anxieties. But Mr Blair's approach, as Shadow Home Secretary, and that of his successor, Jack Straw-"tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime" - neutralised the electoral impact.

Trust confirmed as the central issue for voters

oters are a great deal more level-headed than politicians usually give them credit for. Every year since 1983, Social and Community Planning Research has produced British Social Attitudes, a survey of changing social and political values based on more than 3,500 interviews.

The public is detached from the political debate. The "Thatcher's children" generation, which came of age from the late 1970s, is not only less inclined to identify with the Tories than any older generation, but has resisted most of the main political and economic messages of the Conservative era.

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They appear more materialistic than previous gener-ations, placing

**ON POLITICS** more emphasis on pay than on other aspects of jobs. However, the authors conclude that their "findings hardly provide any ringing endorsement of the theory that the Thatcherite values of the Eighties had any profound influence on the generation which formed its

political and social values

during the period".

An alternative view is that growing up during the 1980s disenchanted this generation and made them more negative about the Tory approach as well as politically apathetic. The Eighties' generation turns out to be less tolerant of income inequality and more suspicious of the motives of big business. Just 21 per cent of those under 30 have "a lot of interest" in politics, compared with 37 per cent of those over 50. Many of these apparent differences may just reflect people's ages and, as the Eighties' generation grows older, its degree of interest in politics may become more like

that of previous generations. The most distinctive feature of Thatcher's children is their anti-Establishment views on the monarchy, protests and freedom of expression. Younger people are much less likely than older generations to believe in the claims of the law

over individual conscience. More than two thirds of the under-30s believe there are occasions when conscience should hold sway, "even if this means breaking the law". compared with two fifths of those over 50. The authors suggest that these attitudes may change less as people age.

The survey confirms earlier findings about a decline in public confidence in democracy. Fewer than one in four people trust government to but the interests of the nation above party, although among members of the sample reinterviewed after the election. there was some recovery in public confidence. This may

immedate response of Labour supporters to their party's victory and may not last (indeed, it will

have been tested recently). The intriguing disclosure is that the decline in trust in government does not explain the fall in turnout on May 1 to the lowest level since the war. Turnout among those who trusted the Government least was virtually as high as among as those who trusted it most. More important is an across-the-board decline in public expectations of what government can or should do. For instance, just 26 per cent think government should provide jobs for everyone who wants one, down from 36 per cent in 1985.

Nonetheless, the public believes there is scope for improvement and strongly supports constitutional change, particularly of the House of Lords, Scottish devolution and freedom of information.

The broad message is reassuring for the Government's step-by-step approach of deliberately lowering expectations. Voters are unimpressed by rhetoric but will respond to specific pledges being honoured. Tony Blair is right to want to protect his image of trustworthiness.

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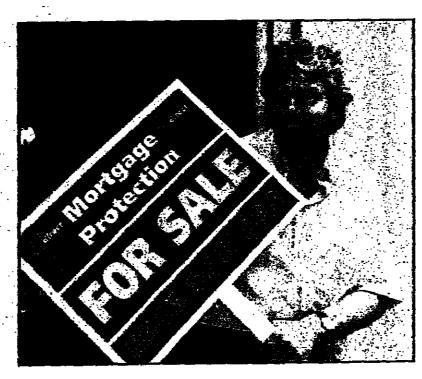
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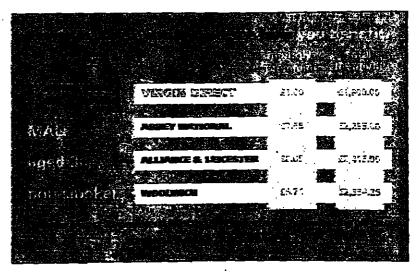
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# Lawyer 'lied for her detective lover'

A Crown solicitor weeps as an Old Bailey jury is told she admitted 'a moment of madness'. Tim Jones reports

A SOLICITOR for the Crown Prosecution Service told "lie upon lie" to protect her policeman lover from a drink-

driving charge, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. Penelope Schofield, 35, sobbed as she listened to a statement in which she allegedly told police: "In a moment of madness, when I agreed to say that I had driven, I have lost everything — my career, my job with the CPS, and it is likely that I will be struck off

by the Law Society."
Miss Schofield accompanied Detective Constable Nigel Phillips to a dinner-dance that he had helped to organise for Bitterne CID at the De Vere Harbour Hotel in Southampton last December. Nicholas Campbell, for the prosecution, said Miss Camp-bell took exception when she saw DC Phillips dancing with a policewoman. After a quarrel she left in a taxi. DC Phillips, he said, had

continued drinking and even-tually drove his Rover four miles towards the home he shared with Miss Schofield. During the journey a tyre on his car was punctured and he drove into the car park of

Bitterne police station. Inside the station, the jury was told, his colleagues realised he was drunk. He telephoned Miss Schofield and, as he returned to the car, he was stopped, breathalysed and found to be almost three times over the legal alcohol limit. He was arrested and taken

to another police station, where he again telephoned Miss Schofield. Later that night, Mr Campbell said, Miss Schofield telephoned a police inspector to say that she had been driving when the puncture happened.

He said: "That was a lie, the

first of many she was to tell over the course of the next two months." Another police in-spector visited Miss Schofield

the boys proved too mischie-

vous and were asked to leave.

previously classified files have disclosed. Their role was detailed in a

Secret Files.



Miss Schofield yesterday: denies perverting justice

Campbell said. Her alleged statement said: "I hit a kerb

or something similar and

stopped the car. I was dis-

tressed over the whole domes-

tic situation. I left him with the

in the early hours and, while he gave her a breath test, which proved negative, he saw on her kitchen table a law book open at a page on drink-

She told the inspector that she had been driving when she and her boyfriend got into

cierge that he had called a taxi for Miss Schofield after he had seen her arguing with DC The couple were arrested in

emerged from the hotel con-

February on suspicion of perverting the course of justice. Miss Schofield maintained she had been driving. Mr Campbell said. "She hoped to assist Nigel Phillips to secure a less severe sentence and perhaps save his career as a serving police officer." She claimed that she had ordered the taxi when she returned to

the hotel to get her coat after leaving DC Phillips in the car. Three days after her arrest, Mr Campbell said, she faxed another statement to the police in which she said DC Phillips had asked her to say she had been driving.

Her statement said: "Nigel was distressed and in tears because of the breathalyser reading. I was in tears and

matter rationally. When I said I had been driving, that was

"I wanted desperately to tell the truth but I was in a difficult position. I didn't want to let Nigel down. I knew I was in trouble for lying in the first

"I am ashamed of what I have done and for the shame I have brought to my family. I did what I did as a girlfriend and not in my professional capacity. I worked hard to obtain these qualifications. My life revolved around the

egal profession."
Mr Campbell told the jury: "Phillips had out her in a very difficult position and you will have every sympathy for her. But by telling lies she has committed a criminal of-

Miss Schofield, of Hamble-don, Hampshire, denies try-ing to pervert the course of

# Life ban on mother guilty of terrorising

A court was told that Tucker, 48, a mother of two. bombarded Terry Murphy, a taxi driver, with up to four abusive letters a day after he ended their relationship. She persuaded her local housing association to move her from her home five miles away to one just two doors down from Mr Murphy. Finally, she broke into his flat wearing plastic gloves and carrying a carving knife in each hand.

Tucker admitted pursuing a course of conduct which caused Mr Murphy to fear violence. The judge placed her on probation for two years. He warned her that, if she broke the restraining order, she

she leaves me alone."



AN OBSESSED woman who burst into her ex-lover's home wielding two carving knives has been banned from contacting him again in the first case of its kind. Margaret Tucker is believed to be the first woman in Britain to be prosecuted under new harassment legislation introduced this year.

Mr Murphy, 58, managed to flee after protecting himself with cushions. Tucker later told police: "I was going to kill

Passing sentence at Portsmouth Crown Court, the Recorder, Robert Harman, QC, banned Tucker, of Gosport, Hampshire, from seeing Mr Murphy for life. The order under the Protection from Harrrassment Act does not cover accidental meetings.

could face jail.

After the hearing, Mr Mur-phy said he intended to move from his flat to get away from her. "After what she has put me through over the past 12 months, all I care about is that

Tucker had met Mr Murphy through using his taxi, and a sexual relationship had developed between them. He said he went out with her three or four times and she then became obsessive and wanted them to move in together. When he ended the relationship, she became very aggressive, went to his house and

# 'Bullying' police officer jailed for assault

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE officer who repeatedly kicked a student he arrested during a street disor-der was jailed for six months by a judge who branded him a bully and a coward at the Old

Bailey yesterday.

Judge Graham Boal told PC
Paul Evans, 32. "You brought
disgrace upon yourself and

shame on your profession."
Evans, based at Stoke Newington in northeast London, was convicted of assaulting Ben Swarbrick during distur-bances that followed a rock concert in May 1994; Mr Swarbrick was kicked 20 times by the officer. Another six policemen accused of various offences, including assault and perverting the course of

justice, were acquitted. Judge Boal said that the jury's verdicts in the case reflected a way different sinus tion from that alleged by the Crown. The prosecution had claimed that police behaved with appalling brutality, but the jury had convicted only one officer of a single assault

charge and affray. During the eight-week trial, the jury could not be told that Evans had been charged by Scotland Yard with breaches of discipline over allegations that he assaulted a woman who had called the police for help in a domestic dispute. Civil rights lawyers said he had been the centre of complaints concerning abuse or

During the trial Evans assured the jury he was a "tolerant, liberal-minded person" and said: "I have never offered gramitous violence to anybody." However, in 1992 a magistrate at Highbury lambasted him for dragging a black woman driver along the ground by the scruff of her

In July 1993, Evans arrested and allegedly assaulted a suspect in East London. Legal sources said Scotland Yard settled out of court. There are two other cases still outstanding that involve similar



# too naughty for wartime MI5

report by H. Branch of the Secret Service Bureau, the wartime forerunner of MIS, their energy". Arrangements now released at the Public were made to replace the Boy Scout messengers with Girl Guides, "and the results were Record Office in Kew. H Branch consisted of the secremost satisfactory". The H Branch report says: The girls proved more amenable and their methods of getting into tariat and administrative section, including the Registry of After Captain Vernon Kell, mischief were on the whole head of the bureau, turned to less distressing to those who the Boy Scouts for volunteers.

the first Scouts arrived on had to deal with them than October 29, 1914. By September 4, 1915, their behaviour were those of the boys." Initially, II Girl Guides were employed; the number rose to 34 by August 1916. was thought to be unacceptable. The H Branch report. compiled after the war, says: They were put on their hon-"Boys were found to be trouour not to read the papers. blesome. The considerable periods of inactivity which fell to their share usually resulted in they carried. The girls worked from 9am to 7pm and were given half a day off every their getting into mischief." week and every second Sun-

When the Admiralty began to employ boys as "coast watchers", the Boy Scouts at Apart from the Guides, 650 women were employed at M15 were advised to take up this work, "outdoor work various times by the service in the registry and as secretaries. being much more fitted to Many were "lookers up", res-

pected aliens. There were "snags" when over-eager citizens let the authorities know of alleged German spies in their midst. The H Branch report says: "In the early days of the war, when to the bucolic mind any person who spoke with a foreign (and often even a Scots) accent was a 'German spy', much curious information arrived in MI5."

Mistakes were caused by the phonetic pronunciation of the suspects' names. One alarmed labourer informed MIS "of the presence in his peaceful village of a spy boasting the astonishing name of Toe Knee Oh! This suspect turned out to be a harmless Italian chef whose Christian name was Auto-nio," the MI5 file discloses.

quiry was for papers about fuses made in Switzerland. In a report entitled "Woman's Work", it is disclosed that H Branch made every effort to obtain "ladies of good education and preferably those who had been to one of the large public schools or colleges". There was such a demand for more women to work in the registry that

mend former students. As M15 expanded, it moved premises, eventually to offices in the Haymarket. The women clerical staff proved so dedicated that they had to be "turned out almost nightly at midnight". When the bombs started to fall - the first Zeppelin attack was in the autumn of 1915 — the women refused to budge from their One "looker up" was asked

# Ministers confident over legal aid reform

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later discovered that the in-

Cheltenham Ladies' College,

Royal Holloway College and

St Hugh's and Somerville, at

Oxford, were asked to recom-

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

details in the New Year of plans for scrapping civil legal aid and expanding "no win, no fee" work to most civil cases, including libel. For the first time, officials

have confirmed that defamation actions may be included in the "no win, no fee" arrangements. At present there is no legal aid for defamation cases. "No reasons have yet been put forward as why detamation actions should not be included," one official said yesterday.

Ministers have taken counsel's opinion and are confident of surviving any challenge in the courts to the reforms that amount to a dismantling of the civil legal aid scheme. They argue that they do not need primary legislation for the reforms, which are planned to

take effect in the spring. Undeterred by mounting opposition from the legal profession and the consumer lobby, they plan to issue a consultation paper in January or February that will carry

MINISTERS are to publish first details of the plans. They claims by the Law Society, the are also commissioning a business plan from management consultants on the impact of the measures on law

> The consultation paper is expected to retain legal aid, or some kind of hardship fund, for certain areas of work, such as civil actions by landlords to evict tenants; and possibly for most people who now qualify for legal aid when they are forced to defend a legal action.

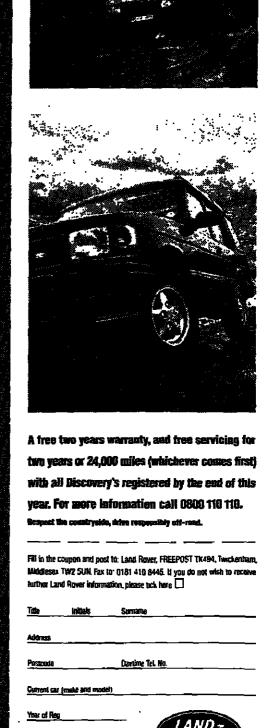
> On Friday the Government will deliver a strong message in a debate in the Commons that lawyers' opposition to the reforms stems from their fear of losing a form of subsidy, provided through legal aid by the taxpayer. A senior official said: "I don't think any profession would be confortable with having a subsidy taken away from it." Solicitors had been able to run cases "win or lose", he said. "Who would not fight

for that?" But that amounted to a subsidy and was "extremely unattractive."

Bar and consumer groups that the changes will hit the poor and that the insurance market is not ready to provide affordable premiums that people will need to protect themselves against paying a winning opponent's costs. Officials are in talks with several insurance companies and say the market is alive to the prospects of their role under "no win, no fee" work.

They insist that unless the Government shows that it is determined, the insurance market will not come forward to step into the gap. "Nothing less than radical change and being resolute and firm will ensure this happens," one said. "Ministers can't sit down and redesign the market, they can make the changes which anticipate the policy and will lead to that,"

Ministers will make it clear that until they can control the legal aid budget, they cannot free funds for a community legal service or for areas such



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# Channel 4 will stir up storm over Christmas

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHANNEL 4 is to rescreen such as the incestuous relasome of its most controversial scenes in a programme to celebrate its 15th anniversary. The lesbian kiss in the soap Brookside and an Equinox documentary on depraved sexual practices will be revived for the Christmas

schedule. Michael Jackson, the new chief executive of Channel 4. also said the whole of Chris Morris's much criticised Brass Eye series would be repeated in the new year. Morris "set up" MPs and celebrities to appear in a spoof current affairs programme. Channel 4's former chief executive. Michael Grade, vowed never to work with Morris again after an obscene insult about him appeared in a subliminal message in the final pro-

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gramme of the series.
The Storm Over 4 programme will include a programme about necrophilia. other Brookside storylines

tionship between a brother and sister, and sex theme nights from The Red Light Zone. Bernardo Bertolucci's Last Tango In Paris and Derek Jarman's Jubilee, both premiered on Channel 4, will also be shown again. A Channel 4 spokesman

said: "Often a 'storm over' headline came about when a reporter got overexcited about a programme he had not seen, phoned an MP who had definitely not seen it, and then wrote a story which usually began 'MPs tonight called for a ban on the Channel 4 programme which ... ' "Mary Whitehouse and other critics of the channel will be quoted

in the documentary. Mr Jackson has continued Channel 4's tradition of generating controversy by backing the screening of Ken Loach's film Ladybird, Ladybird, which was censured by the the Broadcasting Standards Com-



channel's anniversary

mission earlier this year. He denied that there had been a ban on Morris. We hope to work with Chris Morris again," he said. "I think that was a personal reaction from Michael [Grade]."
Mr Jackson, who is known

to have scrapped the late-night Girlie Show when he arrived at Channel 4, was asked if he thought it was the worst programme the channel had ever shown. He said: "I plead the fifth amendment on that one."

Viewers will have a chance to pick controversial programmes when they vote, by post, phone or on the Internet, for their favourite Channel 4 programmes for Saturday December 27.

# Compulsory fund could finance care in old age

By JILL SHERMAN AND ANNE ASHWORTH

FRANK FIELD disclosed yesterday that the Government is considering introducing a compulsory insurance scheme to finance long-term care for the elderly.

Welfare Minister, speaking in Berlin, suggested that people should have to pay regular contributions to insure themselves against the cost of care in their old age.

Mr Field, who is preparing a separate Green Paper on welfare reforms for the new larly interested in the German system of compulsory insurance, which covers a range of care, at home and later in

nursing accommodation. This month the Government will announce the terms of reference and the chairman of its royal commission on long-term care, which is expected to report within a year. The commission was set up the number of people having to sell their homes to pay for nursing accommodation.

Mr Field emphasised that the German scheme could not necessarily be adopted in Britain but he urged members of the royal commission to examine this model. Under the German system, people have salary into the insurance fund. Half of this is met by the

employer and half by the Those earning more than £2,000 a month can choose to opt out, but they would then have to pay for their care privately. Contributors pay into 1,300 different health insurance

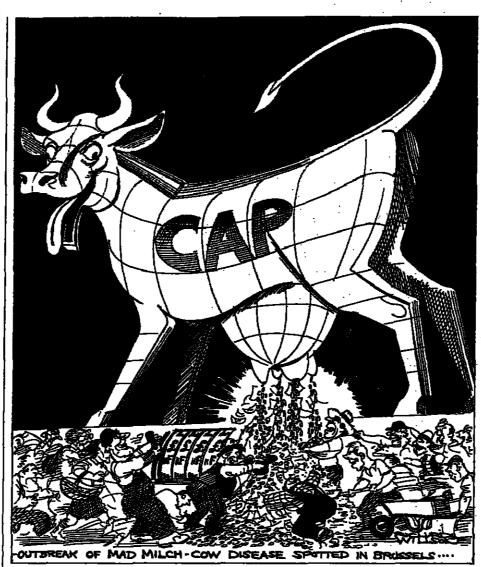
funds. Once they apply for cover, the fund assesses them and places them into one of three categories of need.

Those only needing mini-mum care would be able to opt for cash payment or services. such as home help. Those in higher categories would be

for British studies that the scheme, which started in 1996, had been much more successful in Germany than predicted. Funds were in surplus, despite a high take-up and this would cushion future increases in demand, he argued.

attractions. Like medical insurance, coverage would be almost universal. As a pay-asyou-go scheme, it could be introduced without too much delay. More importantly perhaps. The scheme created a link between insurance and benefits and removed the stigma of residential care being tied to social assistance."

Mr Field said he hoped that his forthcoming Green Paper would be a turning point in the restructuring of the £100 billion social security budget. However, he signalled that the paper would set out reforms that could take several Parlia-



# Farmers given billions in EU 'compensation'

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union paid farmers several billion pounds in unjustified compensation for crops and animals, including payment for some cattle slaughtered in Britain's anti-BSE programme, the EU's financial watchdog reported

yesterday.

The Court of Auditors singled out the common agriculture policy (CAP), which consumes almost half the EU's E53 billion annual expenditure, as a main source of fraud and waste in its annual review of the union's administration. Reporting to the European Parliament, Bernhard Friedmann, the president of the Luxembourg court, said lax management and swin-dling in EU spending cost up to an estimated £2.8 billion, or 5.4 per cent of payments from nationally and centrally ad-

The auditors noted a slight drop in mishandled funds, which totalled 5.7 percent of spending last year, and they offered mild praise to Jacques Santer, the Commission president, for his efforts to tighten controls. However, for the third year the auditors said the irregularities meant they could not approve the spending accounts.

Cereal farmers were the biggest beneficiaries of anomalies in the CAP. In 1995 and 1996, they were awarded some £2 billion, based on acreage, to "compensate" them for crops that were sold at market rates far higher than the EU's guar-. anteed price. "The basic compensatory amounts for cereals is out of touch with world market prices," the auditors said. Beef and veal producers

received over half a billion pounds in unnecessary payments, they said. In a survey of the biggest farms, one

million of subsidy, second only to a German one that received £2.23 million. The Commission defended itself yesterday, saying, that it had long sought to reduce the subsidies to reflect market prices, but had been overruled by national farm ministers.

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The costly emergency meaducers after the mad cow crisis had been subject to confusion and exploitation, the report showed. Under the scheme to . Hamilton a months old, British farmers were supposed to receive EU compensation at a rate of £262 per animal incinerated. The Commission agreed to pay 80 per cent of a claim for 429,000 animals but overloaded facilihad been incinerated by the end of the year. Under another scheme for the slaughter of younger animals, Britain had also been wrongly compensated for 1.695 cattle that were over 30 months old.

In an investigation of evidence of fraud by members of two Brussels-based and the Committee of the Regions. A spot check on travel expenses at the ESC, an advisory body with 222 members, showed that 60 per cent expensive tickets then obtain refunds. The auditors' findings produced an outcry when they were first reported in September. The committee has now introduced more

# How unsafe meat was subsidised

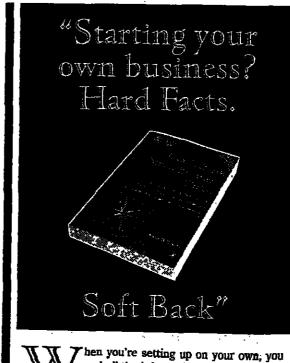
BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH farmers have been payment scheme" for which cattle above the age considered safe for human conprotect the public against BSE, according to the Court tions another scheme that of Anditors.

This was possible, the court says, because the Government allows veterinary inspectors to assess age by hecking an animal's teeth. The 1,695 illegal cattle, for which there was documentary proof that they were over 30 months old, were sold under a "beef marketing

Britain was allocated £25 million by the EU. Cattle above this age are regarded as The audit report also ques-

pays abattoirs between £80 and £100 per animal to slaughter and destroy newborn calves for which there is no longer any market because of the EU ban on British beef. It says a visit to one British abattoir found no adequate controls to ensure that carcasses were destroyed



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# ons in What a giggle as peers turn to the business of Mimi and Fifi

attention turned to me rune cards by which prostitutes advertise in London phone Their Lordships proved quite knowledgeable on the subject. The Baroness Trumpington heaved so massively with laughter as to

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arouse fears for the structure of this 19th-century building. But the question had to await the investiture of new life peers, accompanied by the usual procession of beribboned flunkeys dressed in carpets and people wearing Cornish pasties on their

heads, prancing around according to what we call "tradition" in this gilt, paste and plasterboard apology for a senate. The fake antiquity dates from 1958, when life peers were invented.

I looked down at their assembled Lordships. I have never - no. not even in a provincial American television studio — seen so much hair dye. Black Rod, who may not be wearing a toupée, strutted about in a frock coat and black leather gloves like a poncified cat-burglar. Lingering doubts fled. It is

definitely not cool in 1997 to be a Lord.

We moved to tarts. Not that the Earl of Bradford, whose Question on "unauthorised advertising in London phone boxes" trod delicately, mentioned these women.

For the Government, Lord Haskel, who looks like a high-class haberdasher, did. Advertising cards placed by prostitutes, he said (cries of "aah!) were "deterring people from using phone boxes" (cries of "oh!). BT was barring calls to these numbers. Why did Lord Bradford



about vesterday draw the line

The minister went on to

explain that legal action to ban these cards had been

blocked by lawyers acting for

the London Collective of Call

Girls. At this point Lady

Trumpington began shaking

in a helpless fit of giggles. We imagined the card which this

former Tory whip might

at that sort of thing.

then affect such gratitude that someone else had dared say "prostitute"? This is not, after all, a shy peer. Who's Who suggests that his Lordship, who has a beard and lives in Weston-under-Lizard. has published a book called My Private Parts and the Stuffed Parrot. Even the steamiest of the cards that were complaining "Substantial Lady offers

discipline for the mature gentleman. 'Naughty boys must pull their socks up. Phone Trumpers on Westminster too-too-too -Oh!Oh!Oh!"

(heaven forbid) place in a BT

Lord Annan rose. "In recent years," he said, a "disastrous" legal judgment had deemed the Ladies' Directory (a discreet catalogue of prostitutes' services) a "conspiracy against public morals". But surely there had to be ways these women could advertise?

Indeed. One merely notes that this case (Shaw vs the DPP) was decided in 1961. Only in the Lords is 36 years ago "recent".

Lord Campbell of Alloway wondered "what on earth was the use" of blocking telephones "when the girls can get another -- perhaps using the name Mimi instead of Fifi". This revealed as much about Lord Campbell's interior life as about telecommunications.

Lord Palmer - to cries of Oh! - thought the call-cards were good for the tourist

Palmer of Huntley & Palmer's biscuits. He may not know that, according to a new book about the work of the Wolfenden Committee (which in the 1950s examined the law on homosexuality and prostitution) members shrank in their private deliberations from using the h- or p- words. They bantered in-stead about "huntleys" and "palmers". Lord Palmer may not care to be linked with palmers — but at least no-body has ever called him a

# Widdecombe quits committee over Hamilton affair

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Tory MP Ann Widdecombe resigned from the Standards and Privileges Committee yesterday in protest at its handling of the Neil Hamil-

The former Prisons Minister said that the committee's failure to agree whether Mr Hamilton had taken "cash for questions" while he was Tory MP for Tatton was a denial of natural justice and its procedures were a shambles. She added that Parliament's system of self-regulation was "terminally ili".`

Miss Widdecombe, the MP for Maidstone and the Weald, stood down after being denied a chance to speak in Monday night's Commons debate on the committee's report. She said that Robert Sheldon, the committee's chairman, had grossly misrepresented her position when he spoke in the

Quentin Davies, the Tory MP for Grantham and Stamford, who was the only other dissenting voice on the committee, was also not called by the Speaker.

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In her resignation letter, which she handed to Mr Sheldon in person, Miss Widdecombe said: "I believe relations and trust to have broken down to such an extent hat I would not be able to serve the committee in the spirit of unity which is essential to preserving its

"An even more considerable reason for my resignation is that I believe self-regulation is now terminally ill and I have little faith in the ability of this committee to resuscitate it.

"I genuinely regarded it as an honour to be appointed to the committee which I expected to be a senior and serious body. I now regard the shambles which has characterised the handling of this report to be deeply shameful to the committee and something which I no longer wish to be

Miss Widdecombe and Mr Davies both disowned the conclusion of Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, that there was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton had taken envelopes of cash from Mohamed

Mr Davies said: "I am totally with Ann Widdecombe. It is a shambles but it is for that reason I have decided I

ought to stay."
Neither of the two Tory MPs was able to say whether they thought. Mr - Hamilton had taken cash for questions. They had no means of knowing

permission to reopen the case by cross-examining Mr Hamilton, Mr Al Fayed, or the employees he claimed filled

the envelopes with £50 notes. Sir Gordon had told the committee that his position would have been made difficult if they reopened the inquiry.

The independent MP Mar-tin Bell, who despite having ousted Mr Hamilton from his Tatton seat has agreed to to take up the cudgels on his behalf, said that Mr Al Fayed should have been called before the committee. "If the chief accused was

going to give evidence, then so surely should the chief accuser, Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, and they should both have been cross-examined. If procedures could not be put in order, then some body outside Parliament would have to examine such cases, he told BBC Radio 4's World at

Mr Sheldon told the same

radio programme that the committee would be examining its procedures, and added: "Of course there is room for improvement, there always is." He said it had been right not to reopen the inquiry because Mr Hamilton had failed to bring forward any



John Major during a campaign visit to Beckenham. One woman told him that his problem was being "too nice"

# Major is swamped by affection

JOHN MAJOR received a rapturous reception yesterday when he returned to the campaign trail to support the Tory candidates in tomorrow's by-elections in Beckenham and Winchester. Months after being turfed out of

Downing Street, a beaming Mr Major was thronged by enthusiastic pensioners and young supporters. "When are you coming back?" one white haired pensioner shouted out to the former Prime Minister as he braved the rain in Beckenham. He grinned at his fan as she added: "You were too nice. That was your problem.

The Majors who lived in Beckenha

walk 100 yards along High Street as hundreds of supporters turned out in the solid Tory seat. Scores of shoppers asked him to autograph cards, shop assistants poured out to greet him and office

workers waved from upstairs windows. Throughout his walkabout Mr Major sang the praises of Jacqui Lait, the Tory candidate, who won the chance of resuming her parliamentary career when Piers Merchant resigned his seat last month after admitting an extra-marital affair. Mr Merchant held Beckenham with a majority of nearly 5,000 on May ! despite a 15 per cent swing to Labour. Mr Major relished his return to the

np, but memories of his devastating

campaigned later in the day in Winchester he admitted that the Tories had lost the general election partly because they were seen as "harsh and uncaring". He did not believe that the party was guilty of those faults, but added: "The perception was there and of course the perception was damaging."

Mr Major said that he had come to

Winchester to support his "very old friend". Gerry Malone, who lost his seat on May 1 to the Liberal Democrats by two votes. The by-election was called after the High Court ruled that Mark Oaten, the Liberal Democrat, should not have been declared the winner because of ballot paper irregularities.

# Dobson makes his position clear

BY PHILLP WEBSTER

FRANK DOBSON acted swiftly to prevent further embarrassment for the Government over tobacco advertising yesterday after repeatedly refusing to back the special treatment awarded to Formula One.

During an early-morning radio interview, the Health Secretary failed three times to declare his support for motor racing's exemption from the sponsorship ban. For days he had been silent on the issue, and it has been an open secret in Whitehall that the Health Department was far less keen on the exemption that Downing Street.

The Tories said that he had avoided the question, giving the impression that the policy had been imposed on him.

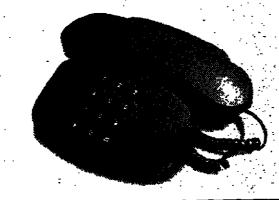
But within two hours Mr Dobson was back in line. When asked at a press conference on NHS waiting lists whether he supported the Formula One policy, he said: "Of course I do. I played a part in deciding what the policy

Health and Downing Street officials denied that Mr Dobson had been forced into line or that he had breached Cabinet collective responsibility. It is understood that after the interview with Sue MacGregor on BBC Radio 4 Today programme had ended Mr Dobson knew that he would have to act.

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# Primakov reports progress on Iraq impasse

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, and dent Saddam Hussein of Iraq Russian Foreign Minister, announced last night that he had reached a breakthrough in talks with a senior Iraqi official on resolving the confrontation between Baghdad and the United Nations, pro-viding for a diplomatic solution to the crisis without the need to resort to force.

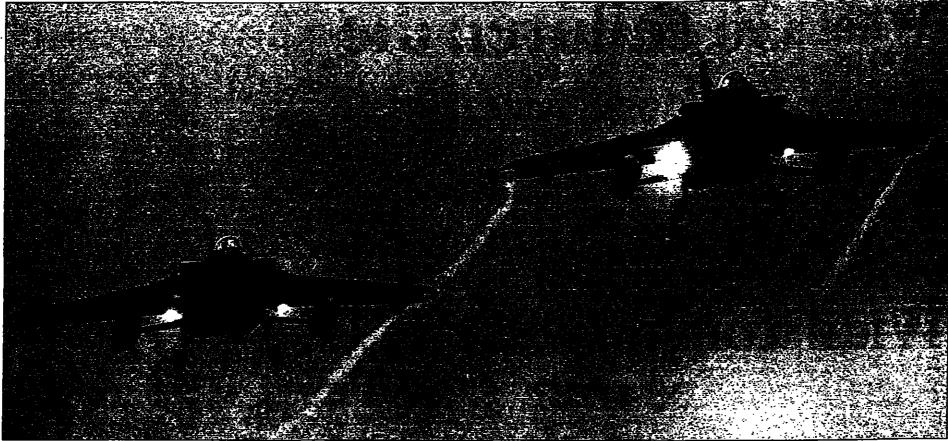
Mr Primakov was speaking after talks in Moscow with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, who arrived unannounced yesterday morning. His trip to Moscow came after a weekend pledge by President Yeltsin to interexchange.

vene to end the crisis. Mr Primakov said that the

"some days ago". Mr Aziz, who also had talks yesterday with Mr Yeltsin, had brought Saddam's reply. Mr Primakov said that Mr Yeltsin's letter had offered a detailed plan to break the present deadlock, but he did not give details.

The programme provides for avoiding armed conflict and resolving the crisis by Iraq's implementation of the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council," Mr Primakov said. He did not say what was being offered to Iraq in

In reference to an earlier indication by America of a wil-



RAF Tornado fighters land at the Incirlik joint Turkish-United States airbase in southern Turkey yesterday after a mission to monitor the no-fly zone in northern Iraq

the crisis, Iraq claimed yesterday that it had scored a "resounding political and dip-lomatic triumph". The staterun newspaper al-Jumhuriya credited Saddam, a "thinker and strategist", with inflicting a "crushing defeat on America

and Britain". The front-page editorial stated: "If America attacks Iraq, it will face severe condemnation from various countries. If it retreats and brokers an agreement through the continuing American military build-up in the Gulf. "The fact

6 It will now be very difficult for the US to go back to the status quo ?

with Iraq, this means victory of peace and dialogue." Diplomats agreed that Saddam had forced his enemies into their first concession since the Gulf War, but said talk of an Iraqi victory could well be premature given the

that [Britain and the US] declared publicly they are willing to modify the sanctions Saddam has broken the dam," a diplomat representing a moderate Arab country said .
"It will now be very difficult for the United States to go

existed before October 29 when Iraq announced it would expel US weapons inspectors]. He added: There will now have to be some very delicate diplomatic footwork whereby Saddam can be rewarded but without letting the A State Department official

in Washington said that he was aware of Mr Primakov's announcement, but declined to comment without seeing the

Moscow has maintained

good relations with Iraq since Soviet times and has long use Moscow's special relationship with Iraq to resolve the confrontation. Russia has alcalled for the lifting of internaready said that Iraq must tional sanctions imposed on allow the inspectors back, but Baghdad after its invasion of Kuwait in 1990. If any breakis adamantly opposed to pro-posals by the United States through were achieved as a result of Russia's intervention, Mr Primakov emphasised it would greatly increase Moscow's standing in the Middle

yesterday the importance of East, where Russia has been allowing the UN Special Comlargely sidelined since the mission on dismantling weapons of mass destruction to continue its work in Iraq: Last weekend Mr Yeltsin spoke to President Clinton on the telephone and agreed to

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Berger announces plans in Washington yesterday to send aircraft reinforcements to the Gulf region

# US sends more planes in case diplomacy fails

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA yesterday announced plans to bolster its air power in the Gulf because of the uncertain stalemate with Iraq over United Nations weapons inspections.

After a meeting between President Clinton and his top foreign policy aides Samuel Berger, the National Security Adviser, amounced United States plans to reinforce more than 200 warplanes that are already in the

The decision, thought to include the deployment of B52 cruise missile-

carrying bombers and F117A Stealth bombers, came shortly after an American pilot completed the second uninterrupted flight by a U2 surveil-lance aircraft since President Saddam Hussein threatened to shoot down UN spy planes flying

The United States had warned Iraq of serious consequences, hinting at severe military retaliation, if it fired on the U2, The Pentagon was expected to announce the number of new war-

planes involved last night and state whether they would, as in the past, be stationed at Diego Garcia, a British dependent territory in the Indian Ocean. Mr Berger said that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council - America, Britain, Russia, France and China were trying to arrange a meeting in Europe to discuss the crisis. But it is unlikely to take place today.

Washington viewed the meeting as an opportunity to hear full details of the Russian plan to resolve the crisis and to seek complete solidarity from Russia and France on the need for Baghdad to allow the weapons inspectors back into Iraq with no caveats from Saddam.

British and American officials

cy remained the the best route to achieve positive results with Saddam but said they were pursuing a double-pronged strategy of increasing military pressure on Iraq while negotiations continued.

collapse of the Soviet Union.

Still unable to mount a credible coalition for any military action against Iraq diplomats from London and Washington are working hard to maintain support from the Arab states in the event that, despite apparent successes yesterday, such a course should become

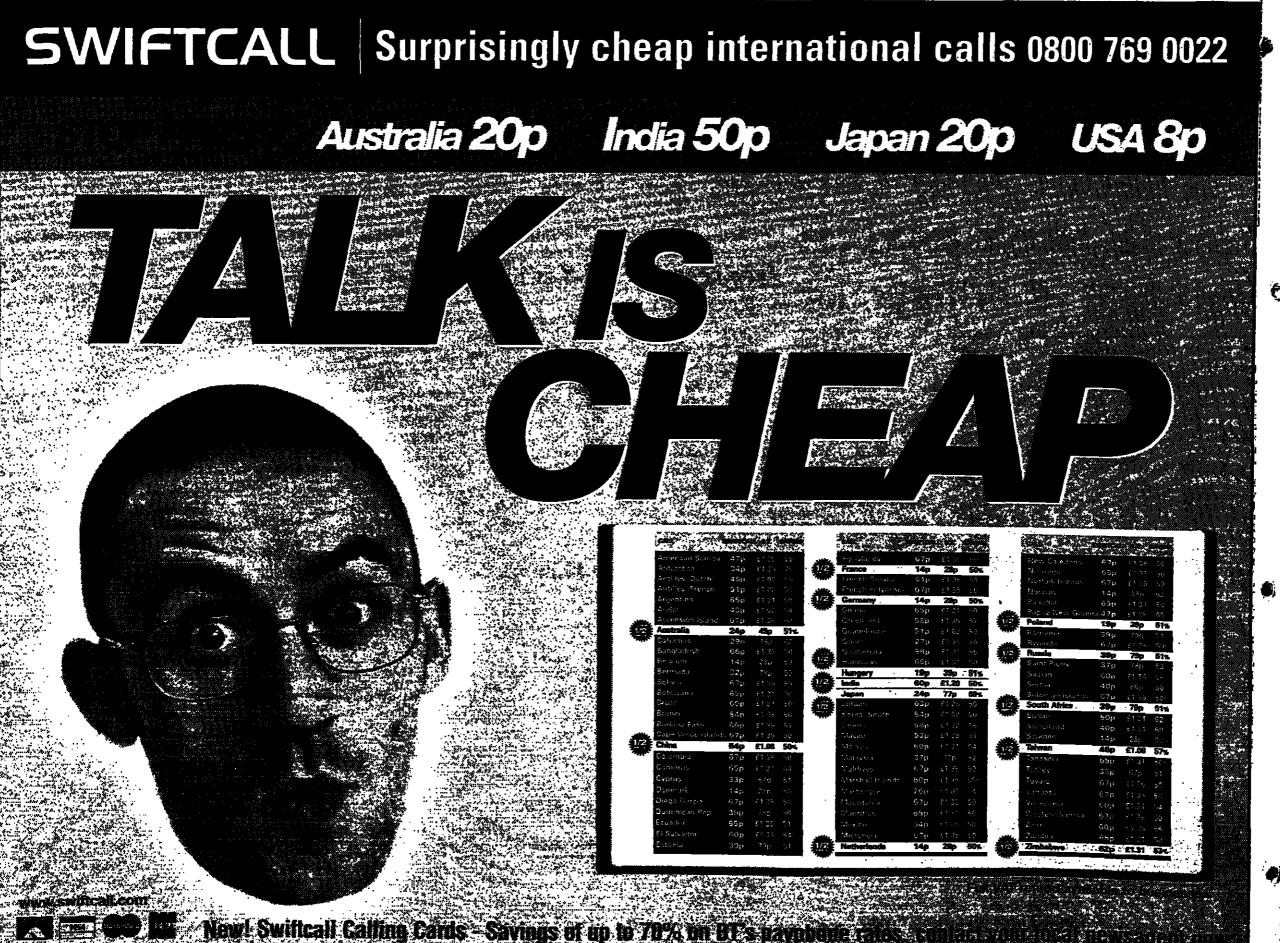
Mr Berger said the Administra-

tion was interested in improving the existing UN arrangement that allows Iraq to sell limited amounts of oil providing the revenue is used to buy food and medicine.

But he firmly denied that it would be used as an inducement for Iraq to allow the inspectors back — a view that Baghdad had claimed as a sign

of victory over the West. "Once this crisis is resolved, if it is resolved satisfactorily, and Saddam comes into compliance we would be in favour of having more oil available, under UN supervision, for food to avoid any suffering to the Iraqi people," Mr Berger said.

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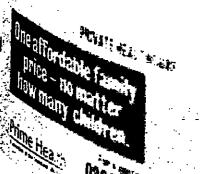
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Robber leaves southern Africa in the dark FROM JAN RAATH

A POWER failure that plunged Zimbabwe and Zambia into darkness for nearly 12 hours last week reverberated rica at a cost of millions of pounds was started by a Zambian helping himself to a steel girder he intended to saw into bracelets.

The girder was a main strut on a 90ft tower south of the Kafue Gorge power station in southern Zamhia, holding up part of the 330 KV powerline that connects Zambia with the Southern African electricity grid, which links six

At 3pm on Friday the thief removed the girder. The tower collapsed. bringing with it two adjacent pylons, and broke the circuit, Sam Mahlanza, spokesman for the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority, said.

It started a series of massive oscillations across the region. The sudden vacuum in the caused the 960 MW Hwange thermal power station 200 miles away in northwest Zimbabwe to trip.

It was followed by the 1,100 MW turbines on Kariba Dam cutting out. Current flowing Zambia from the Inga hydroelectric power station in Congo reversed and went surging back along the line.

South Africa lost its connection with the 2,000 MW Cahora Bassa hydroelectric scheme in Mozambique. The lines between South Africa and Zimbabwe went dead, As source after source of power switched off, so did Zimbabwe and Zambia. Supplies were reconnected after midnight.

I don't know how they

remove the struts. They are boited on, and they are soldered," said Mr Mahlanza. These guys bracelets out of them, and they use them for scotch carts |donkey carts|."

The first confirmed instance of pylon girder theft was in Congo, then called Zaire, two years ago. "It's getting out of hand," said Mr Mahlama. "It's a regional problem and it's increasing."

There were no injuries and no known accests yet from the Kafue incident,

# 30 children die as bus plunges into Delhi river

India's perilous

roads witness

another tragedy

Christopher

Thomas writes

ens of people. People living in

huts on the riverbank jumped

into the water and managed to

save about ten children. But

rescue operations were de-

layed until sluice gates under the bridge could be closed.

120 children, double the legal

limit, although such regula-

tions are routinely ignored by

The vehicle was carrying

THE deaths of 30 schoolchildren after a bus plunged off a Delhi bridge into the River Yamuna yesterday highlights the awful standards of driving and road safety in India.

There was outrage among parents whose children are daily put at risk by decrepit buses, ill-qualified drivers and virtual anarchy on the roads.

The bus was said by witnesses to have been speeding across the bridge, which was packed with morning rush-hour traffic, when it smashed through barriers and plunged 30ft into the sluggish Yamma, now more of a sewer than a

injured and 20 were missing. The driver and conductor were unhurt. The children were aged between six and 14. It was the ninth time this year that accidents involving

Sixty-seven children were

bus operators trying to make extra profits. The bus was hauled out of packed buses have killed dozthe river by crane as a final



Two fathers share their grief after being told they had lost their sons. Other parents faced hospital chaos

bodies. Scores of brightly coloured schoolbags piled on the side of the road attracted

crowds of sightseers. The dead and injured were taken to the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, but no doctors or officials were present. Pupils who went to visit friends shouted slogans against the hospital after rumours spread that two children who were alive had been sent to the mortuary by unqualified staff.

Ravinder Grewel, a senior policeman, said that the bus jumped the footpath and skidded on patches of sand before crashing through the railings. The children were on their

way to the state Ludlow Castle Sarvodaya School, a modest establishment for lower middle-class children whose parents are able to raise the token attendance fee. It has 2,000

Parents and relatives besieged the hospital trying to establish which children had been killed or injured, but encountered chaos as junior hospital staff attempted to summon nurses and doctors. Parents were frantic some were told their children had been discharged, but their whereabouts were unknown. A few were wrongly informed that their children had been

The hospital has meagre resources and there were ugly scenes as parents screamed for help for injured and dying

The Delhi administration nnounced payments of 100,000 rupees (£1,660) to the families of each dead child. The city's chief minister said it



The bus is lifted from the Yamuna river in Delhi yesterday as rescuers continued to search for 20 missing victims. The driver and conductor survived the disaster

was "most disturbing" that the bus was overloaded.

Inder Kumar Gujral, the Prime Minister, joined leaders in expressing shock and grief. An official inquiry is being set up, but nothing is likely to end the worsening carnage on India's increasingly overbur-dened roads, which in Delhi are almost unpoliced because of a shortage of manpower. Drunken driving, speeding and erratic behaviour are rarely punished.

Yesterday's was the third disaster involving buses in two months. In September, 47 people died when a bus fell into the Krishna River in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh; on October 2 at least 41

people, including ten children, were killed when a bus plunged into a stream in the same state. The cause of such disasters is invariably linked to reckless driving.

Delhi's roads are considered to be among the most treacherous in the world. On average, six people die in road

#### WORLD SUMMARY

# EU to back hi-tech mine clearance

Brussels: The European Union is to contribute 15 million euros (£10 million) to a research programme for developing new technologies to detect and destroy landmines.

The programme will research ways to improve minefield surveys, detection sensors and geographical databases. Detection costs are almost 150 times as much as the cost of mine production. An estimated 125 million uncleared landmines on former battlefields around the world kill more than 26,000 people every year. (AP)

#### Algiers killings

Paris: Gunmen killed II civilians in two attacks in Algeria and security forces shot dead five suspected Muslim rebels who were allegedly planning to assassinate a senior politician in Algiers. (Reuters)

#### Priest kidnapped

Ozamiz, Philippines: Muslim guerrillas kidnapped a Belgian Roman Catholic priest at gunpoint and threatened to kill him if a ransom of 4 million pesos (£70,000) was not paid. (Reuters)

#### Officer bailed

Madrid: Adolfo Scilingo, a jailed former Argentine Navy officer who has confessed to throwing prisoners from planes during Argentina's 1976-1983 "dirty war", has been freed on bail. (Reuters)

#### Coup plot fails

Freetown: Ten people, six from the forces, have been arrested in Sierra Leone over an alleged plot to topple the West African country's military Government, senior military sources said. (Reuters)

#### Erbakan plea

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, leader of Turkey's Islamist Welfare Party which the courts are attempting to ban. said the move violated international standards of human rights. (Reuters)

#### Backers jailed

preme Court has jailed four politicians and two businessmen for up to ten years for channeling £4 million of secret funds to the Spanish Socialist Party. (AFP)

### Double trouble

Colombo: Sri Lankan students have captured a 102 in python which has two heads. The live baby snake was kept in a jam jar at a police station before zoo officials were alened. (Reuters)

# Albright attacks Taleban oppression of women

TALEBAN militants governing Afanistan were denounced vesterday for their "despicable treatment of women and children" by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of

Albright delivered her severe rebuke during her visit to neighbouring Pakistan. "I think it is very clear why we are opposed to the Taleban," she said at a press conference with Gohar Ayub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign

Minister, in Islamahad. She berated the Islamic extremists for their approach to human rights and their lack of respect for human dignity, which she described as reminiscent of the past rather than the way

larly oppressive in the latest State Department report on human rights

The US Secretary of State has had some harsh words about attempts to turn Afghanistan into the purest Muslim country in the world, Ian Brodie writes

> around the world. Controlling two thirds of Afhanistan, Taleban has put stringent curbs on women in what militants say is a crusade to create the world's purest Muslim state. Women must be heavily veiled and can work only in medical jobs. Even then, they are severely limited in their contacts

with others. Girls' schools have been closed on the ground that there is not enough money to educate women as well as men. To underscore her disdain for Taleban was singled out as particu-Taleban, Ms Albright visited a girls' school at a camp in Peshawar for

She encouraged Pakistan to use its influence with Taleban to open negotiations with rival Afghan factions so as to create an acceptable and broadbased government for the whole country. Pakistan said its talks with Ms Albright, who was the first US Secretary of State to visit the region for 14 years, were marked by candour and cordiality. The two countries have been at odds over Pakistan's purchase of missiles and nuclear technology from China. As a result, Washington blocked delivery of F16 fighters for

which Pakistan has paid. Ms Albright said America would try

to nudge along Pakistan's dispute with India over Kashmir if asked to do so by both sides. She recalled that her father, Joseph Korbel, was a member of the first United Nations commis-sion to tackle the Kashmir problem resolved.

Ms Albright insisted on visiting Pakistan and India even though the earlier part of her journey had become an exhausting and unscheduled round of stops in the Middle East. She was trying to rebuild the tattered Gulf War coalition to deal with the showdown with President Saddam Hussein over United Nations weapons inspectors in

☐ Kabul: Taleban has ordered security forces in Kabul to close businesses and stop traffic by blocking main crossroads for prayers twice a day, official sources said yesterday. (AFP)



Albright: rebuke came during Pakistan visit

# P.W. Botha, 81, to marry woman 35 years his junior

IN JOHANNESBURG

DUBBED the "Great Crocodile for his political cumning and tenacity when President of South Africa, P.W Botha howed yesterday he could also match the reptile's reputation for longevity by ancouncing that he would marry woman 35 years his junior. Mr Botha, 81, one of apartheid's founding members, who also served the National Party Government as Ministo of Defence and Prime Minister and was a member the Nazi-sympathising Ossewabrandwag (Oxwagon re-watch) during the Second World War, announced his engagement to Remette Te Vater Naude, 46, in the

Afrikaans-language daily newspaper Beeld. His relationship with Ms Raudé, a boarding-house manager, began soon after the death in June of his first wife,

Cline, after 34 years of mar The former South African President said that he had karnt at university that "luck was a bunch of grapes that had to be picked when it was



Naude: Botha's fiancee manages boarding house

ripe". He told the newspaper: I have experienced that many

However, Mr Botha's good fortune may be stretched as a result of his refusal to obey subpoenas to give evidence to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up after the 1994 elections to investigate and in some cases forgive human rights abuses under

He said he did "not perform in circuses" after he was served with his first order to attend. But he was given a second chance after he also pleaded that he was medically unfit to appear after having a Now back on his feet, his

nuptial plans may be disrupt-ed if he does not attend the commission hearing into the role of the State Security Council, which he chaired: he faces a heavy fine and two years in jail. Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

chairman of the commission. has offered to move the hearings to George, about 200 miles east of Cape Town, which is closer to Mr Botha's home at the holiday resort of Wilderness. The commissioners want to

question him over the South African incursion into Angolain 1975 and whether he sanctioned the murder of antiapartheid activists during his tenure as President from 1984

But the Great Crocodile has insisted that he will ignore subpoenas issued by the commission while he concentrates on Ms Naude.

# China may free second

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

BELJING'S top spokesman on foreign affairs suggested yesterday that Wang Dan, China's second most famous dissident, might soon follow

Speaking at the Foreign Ministry's weekly press con-ference, Shen Guofang, replying to a question about whether Mr Wang might be freed for medical treatment abroad, said: "I think this kind of situation in the past occurred frequently. In the future . I think it will

Mr Shen's hint came within 24 hours of a remark by James Sasser, the US Ambassador in Beijing, that he felt optimistic that further political prisoners would be freed. Mr Sasser had made a similar prediction shortly before Mr Wei was freed last Saturday.

# dissident IN HONG KONG

Wei Jingsheng to the US on "medical parole".

continue."

Mr Wang. 28, one of the leaders of the 1989

Tiananmen Square demonstrations after which he was jailed for four years, was reimprisoned last year for 11 years for "subversion".





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#### Somali flood toll rises FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

IN BARDERA, SOMALIA

THE confirmed death toll in flooding in southern Somalia rose to 1.265 yesterday, but aid agencies still had only three small boats on the flooded Juba River a month after it burst its banks. More were on the way, however, along with four helicopters hired from South Africa after an appeal to

world produced no offers. Prices of basic foodstuffs had tripled in flooded regions

and cereal crops were expected to be hit hard as torrential rains continued, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Programme in Rome. Donors have provided just under half the \$10 million (£6 million) that aid agencies



# survivor wins Swiss payment

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AN ELDERLY Jewish Holocaust survivor yesterday became the first of thousands of Eastern Europeans to receive compensation from Swiss banks eager to restore their image.

In an emotional ceremony in Riga, the Latvian capital, Riva Sefere, a frail 75-year-old, received \$400 (£235), the first instalment of a \$1.000 compensation package. The Swiss banks estab-

lished the \$200 million fund in response to allegations that they collaborated with Hitler and kept the assets from bank accounts belonging to Jews killed in the Holocaust. ☐ Jerusalem: Israel's parliament threatened Israeli banks with prosecution yesterday if they persisted in refusing to identify the owners of dormant Naziera accounts. (AFP)

# Holocaust Gaddafi on trial in Berlin

THE role of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi as a sponsor of the heart of a trial that began yesterday under the tighest security in Berlin. The Libyan leader is expect-

ed to be pursued not only in the Berlin courtroom but also in American courts as relations of victims of the 1986 Berlin discotheque bombing use new German evidence to lodge compensation claims. Yesterday the German pros-

ians, a Libyan and two Germans of the attack. The move, he says, was ordered directly by the Libyan intelli-gence service and was coordinated by Libya's East Berlin Embassy. Three people, including two

American servicemen were killed and more than 200 injured. The bomb prompted President Reagan to unleash air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi: Colonel Gaddafi survived one of them only because he was sleeping in a bedouin tent in the garden of his villa. The Tripoli regime said that the Libyan leader's adopted daughter was killed by an American bomb.

The German prosecutor, building his case on confessions and on the files of the

The Libyan leader's role as a sponsor of terrorism is central to the disco bomb case, writes Roger Boyes



Police examine the wrecked Berlin disco: Colonel Gaddafi's regime is accused

East German secret police, says that a Palestinian. Yassir Shryadi, a member of the Libyan-sponsored terrorist group the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command), paid his fellow Palestinian, Ali Chanaa to assemble the 6.6lb bomb spiked with metal fragments. Mr Chanaa's German wife Verena identified which discotheques were frequented

by US soldiers, the charge

sheet says. Frau Chanaa and her sister planted the bomb. Mr Chanaa was a chauffeur at the Libyan Embassy in East Berlin. Musbah Eter, a Liby-an diplomat, is charged with being an accomplice. It is his evidence that clinches the connection with Colonel Gaddafi as far as the prosecutor is concerned. In addition, American signals intelligence intercepted a message sent from the Libyan Embassy to Tripo-

li: "At 1.30 in the morning one of the acts was carried out with success, without leaving

The bombing of La Belle discotheque came against the backdrop of intense tension with America. A series of Libyan-backed terrorist attacks on airports had prompted the United States to stage naval manoeuvres off the North African coast. Two Libyan patrol boats were sunk.

The Libyans, according to the evidence presented yesterday, responded with the Berlin disco bombing. The trail of blood is said to have led ultimately to the blowing up of the PanAm plane over Lockerbie in December 1988.

Fourteen victims of the Berlin explosion, some of whom lost limbs in the blast, and their relations have taken civil action against Libya. Confident that the prosecutor's case against Libya is very strong — the prosecutor intends to name the country as a supporter of state terrorism many victims plan to sue for compensation in American courts:

Colonel Gaddafi is thus set again to become a bugbear of the West. His involvement in terrorism goes back at least to 1971 when a British aircraft on its way from London to Khartourn was forced to land in

Among the groups that have benefited from Colonel Gaddafi's largesse are the Black September Palestinian group. the Eritrean Liberation Front, the Basque ETA and the IRA. Muslim rebels in the Philippines and radical groups in Chad, Thailand and Panama also benefited from Libyan



Ivanka Trump, daughter of multimillionaire Donald Trump, in a fashion show held outside the New York. Stock Exchange. Her outfit featured ticker tape

# Hillary Clinton tour

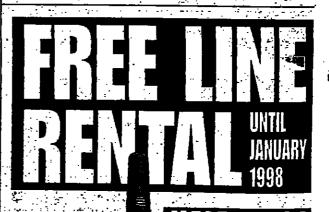
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# Republicans block gay US ambassador

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S attempts to appoint the first openly homosexual ambassador ran into a conservative roadblock in Congress yester-day after Republicans objected to the candidate's long history

of promoting gay rights.

James Hormel, the heir to a San Francisco Spam fortune, had been chosen by Mr Clinton to fill the less than taxing roll of United States Ambassa-dor to the Luxembourg. His nomination had gone forward on the basis of personal assurances that he would neither push an activist agenda nor present his partner as an ambassadorial spouse.

In a deliberate snub to the White House, however, leading Senate Republicans have delayed his appointment, citing evidence of Mr Hormel's long and outspoken promotion of same-sex marriages and gay rights.

Under Perle Mesta, appointed by President Truman, the American Embassy became such a regular haunt for European socialites that Irving Berlin asked Ethel Merman to star in the title roll of his musical, Call Me Madam, based on the entertaining exploits of the ambassador.

While the Luxembourg job is not high on the list of political priorities at the State Department, the country remains an important centre for banking and is a stopping Clinton snubbed

over posting to Luxembourg

**Tom Rhodes** 

reports

point for numerous European

Mr Hormel, 64, chairman of the investment arm of Horrnel Foods, a meatpacking and food processing giant in San Francisco, was a very big donor to the Democratic Party last year. His previous experience in diplomacy has been as an alternate in the United States delegation to the United Nations and a delegate to the UN Commission on Human

Although Jesse Helms, the powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, objected to his appointment, he had allowed the nomination to be considered because of personal assurances by the President.

But Senator James Inhofe, an Oklahoma Republican, and Senator Tim Hutchinson, his Arkansas colleague, raised 11th-hour protests about the nomination

"He has been an outspoken promoter of things like same-



James Hormel at the opening of the gay and lesbian

sex marriages, things we don't agree with," Mr Inhole said.

Other nominations delayed by the Senate included those of Bill Lann Lee, the choice for civil rights chief at the Justice Department, who supports race and gender-based preference programmes, and David Satcher, Mr Clinton's prochoice candidate for Surgeon

Gay rights organisations have rallied to Mr Hormel's support, accusing the Senate of discrimination. "He is completely qualified for the pos-ition." David Smith, of the Human Rights campaign, America's largest gay and lesbian organisation, said. The only explanation why this has been held up is anti-

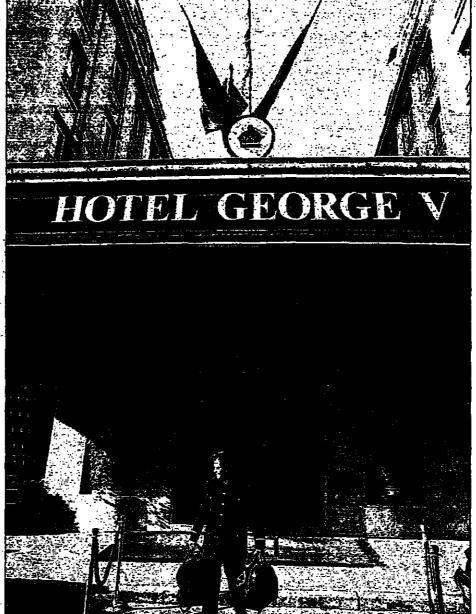
During his first term, Mr Clinton had considered ap-pointing Mr Hormel to Fiji, but after the debacle of his attempts to integrate gays into the military, the White House backed away from the nomination.

The present row comes soon after Mr Clinton tried once again to court America's homosexuals, becoming the first President to address a gay gala in Washington hosted, among others, by Ellen De-Generes, the lesbian television nersonality.

The Hormel nomination will be considered again during the next session of Congress and after the dissenting senators have had time to consider his background.

☐ British policy: Britain has no openly homosexual ambassadors and it is likely to be a long time before any are appointed. Until 1992 no declared homosexual was allowed to join the Foreign Office because they were considered security risks (Michael Binyon writes). It was only after the inter-

ention of Sir Ian McKellen, the actor and gay rights activist, in 1992 that the Conservative Government lifted the han. Homosexuals are now allowed to serve as diplomats provided they do not flaunt



The planned refurbishment of the Hotel George V is expected to cost £30 million





# **Image of Dietrich** and Garbo's dogs star in hotel sale

From Ben Macintyre in paris

AUCTIONEERS began sell-ing the contents of the George V, the Paris hotel, this week, offering such rare items as a pair of china dogs from Greta Garbo's former room, the mirror that once reflected Mariene Dietrich and vast quantities of monogrammed

The Saudi Arabian Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, who bought the art deco hotel last year, has decreed that everything must go before a complete refurbishment of the property. which will take at least a year

and cost about £30 million. The sale, which started on Monday and continues until about 10,000 pieces of furnithan 1,000 paintings and 3,000 items of tableware, much of it dating back to 1928 when the hotel off the Champs-Elysées opened.

The auction has stirred intense interest and more than 45,000 people flocked to a preview last weekend. The high prices of some lots

may be more a reflection of their celebrity associations than their intrinsic value. Among the more sought-after items are a Louis XV-style desk that John Wayne may have used; a 1930s table that happened to be in the same room as Audrey Hepburn; the Steinway piano on which the Louis XVI fire irons that President Eisenhower is said

# DNA tests reveal | Eloping lover, 92, in court US caviare fraud

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MUCH of the supposedly top-quality caviare sold in America is not what it seems, officials said yesterday.

A government laboratory known as the "Scotland Yard of Wildlife Crime" has discovered through DNA testing that eggs passed off as coming from beluga sturgeon in the Caspian Sea often come from a common US species known as Montana paddlefish. The eggs from these hefty,

slow-moving river fish, cost-ing less than \$5 (£3) an ounce, are sent to Russia and Eastern rope, repacked in beluga

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tins and shipped back to America to be sold for more than \$50 an ounce, officials said. The fraud was reported last week to Interpol by Ken Goddard, director of the federal Fish and Wildlife Foren-

sic Laboratory in Oregon.

He originally devised the
DNA tests genetically analysing caviare from Russia to protect endangered species. Then he discovered the fraud involving the paddlefish, which are related to sturgeon and get their name from their large snouts in the shape of a canoe paddle.

# FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

CHARLES BARNES fervently believes love conquers all, stiff resistance in a Californian

Mr Barnes, who walks with the aid of an aluminium frame, faces five days in jail and fines of up to \$45,000 (£30,000) for eloping with his girlfriend of nine years. Their

combined age is 176. Accompanied by a throng of elderly wellwishers, Mr Barnes, handsome and alert at 92, spent Monday in a Los Angeles court where lawyers for his new wife's guardians asked a judge to order that she be moved back to the nursing home where they had sent her.

Constance Driscoll, 84, was

Californian town under orders from the conservators of her \$800,000 estate when Mr Barnes absconded with her in September. After what he said was a nine-year courtship. they were married in her home town of Glendale, a Los Angeles suburb 500 miles from her nursing home, where Mr Barnes also lives and where he has since found fulltime care for her in another

living in a remote northern

Outside court, the pastor who presided at their wedding pleaded allegiance to a higher law than California's civil code. "I performed that ceremony because they love each other," Pastor Jack Dabner of

nursing home.

Glendale's United Community Church told yesterday's Los Angeles Times. Mr Barnes could be made to pay the conservators' \$46,000 legal bill in addition to any fines if the courts find against him. The case will be heared again in Superior Court next month.

"Love will prevail," the nonagenarian declared after the hearing, adding that he was independently wealthy Connie, not her money". His bride has Alzheimer's disease and short-term memory loss, but appears to know whom she has married. When I asked her who she was." a friend said outside court, "she said 'Mrs Charles Barnes'."

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# They have tattoos, swill lager and swear. They also chant plainsong in Latin

Mediaeval Baebes are classical music's Spice Girls. Interview by Nigel Williamson

heir appeal lies somedio 3 and TGI Friday and their target audience ranges from Gramophone subscribers to readers of Loaded. Sex has been used to sell classical music before look at the cover of any Vanessa-Mae album – but there has never been anything quite like the Mediaeval Baebes. Imagine the Spice Girls singing madrigals and you begin to get the idea. But if all is far from well in

Spiceworld, over at Baebe Castle life looks as sweet as a syllabub. The debut album by the Mediaeval Baebes, released last week, is confidently predicted by industry insiders to storm straight to the top of the classical chart, leaving the likes of the LSO and Simon

The group's success is built on a formula so obvious that you wonder why no one thought of it before. An album of Latin plainsong recorded by 12 raunchy women in their mid-twenties, who shared some distinctly dodgy pasts, was always going to grab attention. Decorate the album with semi-naked poses alongside the religious medieval poetry and you have an instant controversy. Release it six weeks before Christmas, add the marketing expertise of Virgin Records (where the





Baebes are label mates with the Spice Girls) and you have a bestselling popular phenome-non. And like the Girls, the Baebes are already preparing for the backlash.

The classical world is elit-

ist. They think you have to go through a lot of training to sing this music," says Rachel Van Asch. 26, who happily admits that until 12 months ago she had sung only in her bath. "We've proved that is not the case, and I know they are going to put the boot in. But if they are so intolerant and jealous, that's their problem."

The Baebes clearly share more than a record label with

the Spice Girls, and Nicole Frobusch, 27, who trained as a dancer rather than a singer and has a dragon tattooed on her upper arm, displays a similarly spiky attitude. "A classical training can be limiting. It takes the joy out of it if you are concentrating on perfection all the time. You don't need to read music because singing is very natural. It just goes up and down, doesn't it?" Apart from Katharine Blake, 27, the group's leader and musical arranger, who studied at the Purcell School of Music and the Guildhall, none of the other Baebes has any formal musical training. Their CVs are more in the "school of life" vein — one was a go-go dancer at a club called Cairo Jack's, there are a couple of fire-eaters, a witch, several

who are into ritual magic and a couple of members of an alternative rock band, Miranda Sex Garden. To be honest I didn't know there was a classical chart until we were told we were top

of it," Ms Van Asch says.

The Spice Girls comparisons are irresist-ible. The music the Baebes sing may come from different centuries but they draw on the same vocabulary of feminine empowerment, use their sexuality in equally upfront fashion and share an uninhibited, girlsbehaving-badly attitude. Lager-swilling, smoking, cur-sing tattooed sex goddesses," their PR company called them. and when Virgin organised a showcase at a London club last month to parade its new signing before industry insiders, the Baebes lived up to the image. They were accused of forcing open a locked bar and making off with large quanti-ties of alcohol.

That's not true," Ms Van

didn't force any lock. They left the booze blatantly on display, and being opportunistic women who like a drink, we took it." Ms Blake joins the protest: "What did they expect when they left the beers in a room full of pissed-up women? It served them right for being so moronic."

Their only objection to the Spice Girls comparisons is the idea that the Baebes are similarly manufactured. 'Our images There was no for are not tions, just a bunch of friends, says Ms Blake. "I had perchastity formed in a medibelts but eval band before but I wanted to dragons make it more

showbiz. The and knights' people I recruited were the people I was hanging around with, and we started 18 months ago by going to Hampstead Heath, having picnics and singing together. It wasn't really a business plan

initially, it was just for fun." She then set about training her new recruits with help from a voice coach at London's Trinity College of Music. The record deal came via a recommendation from Don Mousseu, who had masterminded Michael Nyman's rise to fame and aiready knew Ms Blake. On the album Mr Mousseu is credited with "project develop-ment" but Ms Blake denies he

is a Simon Fuller figure. orchestrating their every move. "We don't have a manager. We have an informal arrangement with him but we haven't signed a contractual deal. Because we are signed to Virgin, people think the label is pulling the strings. They find it hard to believe that we created ourselves."

Virgin may not have manuthe factured Baebes but it swiftly saw the poten-tial. "They were looking for this year's Christmas album and they found us. But they haven't imposed this image on us. There was no commercial decision to be sexy. We just are," says Ms Blake. Ms Van

Asch, who also makes their slinky white stage dresses, reinforces the point: "We are not trying to be all sassy when we are actually a bunch of nuns. We are genu-inely a raunchy bunch of birds and that empowers the music and has put a bit of gusto into

Ah, the music. The reviews of the album are just starting to appear and the Baebes are bracing themselves for a hampress. Even the untrained ear can tell that they sound more like a good school choir than

The spirit is the important thing. We wanted to make this music fun, and the critics won't like that. Most of these girls hadn't even heard medieval music a year ago. I felt uncomfortable in the classical world because it is very insular. I wanted to take the knowledge that I learnt out-

side," Ms Blake says. The Baebes are now preparing for a tour to capitalise on the album's success, but controversy has already dogged them. Plans to play in a number of churches have been jeopardised by revelations that one of the Baebes, Carmen Schneider, describes herself as a "witch" while several others confess to dabbling in the

Such apparently deliberate courting of notoriety raises suspicions of a publicity stunt. "Several of us perform magic rituals. We've done a lot of positive magic, it's not evil. We don't pray to Satan," Ms Van Asch says.

The banter that follows suggests they are not entirely serious. "How do you think we got this record deal? asks Ms Blake. A giggling voice cites a pint of baby's blood in the bathroom. Predictably, there have been rent-a-quote clerics ready to rise to the bait and condemn their "paganism".

Ms Van Asch says: "They're shaking with anger but we're not sure why. The Church seems to have a problem with us selling God's music with this sexy image. Everyone can relate to our sexuality but the Church is not seeing the benefits. We're doing it a favour but it's terrified of 12 strong-minded, sexy women and I can see we might be a

hich seems to

bring us back to the Spice Girls. There are parallels but it's not girl power, we're into princess power. Chivalry, not shopping," Ms Van Asch says. Such perfectly formed soundbites bear the hallmark of the overworked imagination of a professional PR but Ms Blake denies it. There is a romance to the medieval period and everyone in the band is deeply romantic. Our images are not chastity belts but dragons and handsome knights. We want to encourage chivalry and honour. I'm not surprised by our success because the romance of princesses in castles has a universal appear. It's every-

one's fantasy." One last time I ask whether their nascent career hasn't all been planned around a cynical marketing of that fantasy. "Our only formula is to be talented, sexy and clever all at the same time," Ms Van Asch

"And with humility and a sense of humour." Ms Blake adds. Easy, really. • Salva Nos by the Mediaeval Baebes is released on Virgin.

# New Barbie for feminists

necessarily coloured by one's experiences. The fact that mine has been a lurid, tacky, Schiaparelli-if-only pink for some time I thought was a personal develop-ment, the tonal stages I had to go through as the Calpol stains gave way to wall to-

But, I see now, the whole world's gone Barbie. A row of terraced houses in Salford -and that's both sides of the street — has been painted Barbie pink and even The Conran Shop stocks a seri-ous authook depicting the doll as collectable. And we know that if Sir Terence has clocked it, it's cool.

But more: the manufac-

just to show that New Barbie is going to be more radical than anyone thought, out goes the Miss Texas 1983 hair.

If you were interested in this from a Barbie-centric perspective, you could ask whether the new Barbie will still be the Barbie we know, the one that sells at the rate of two per second. I suspect she will. We adults are all obsessed by her looks: what little girls like is the dressing up. A new doll means a whole new wardrobe: why

But it's the guff that's spoken about her from a sexual-political angle that worries me more. The generturers, Mantel, announce that Barbie is to have a boob that a new Barbie, with a job "and that should keep that Barbie is to have a boob

# Nigella Lawson

remodelled face, is to be exhibited at an American toy fair in the new year and the press is beside itself with speculation. This is no long-

er just a good story: it's significant. Well, Kate Millett it isn't, but this is the deal, significance wise. The doll we have now, M hud, has a disproportionately curvaceous fig-ure. Well, she would, she's a doll, you could argue. But that's not what her detrac-tors mean. They mean that if dolly-shape were translated into human dimensions, her statistics would read 38-18-34. This, I grant you, would be improbable. The new Barbie is to do away with such an umealistic figure: her measurements are, scaled down, to be 34-22-33. I leave it to you to decide. whether this is an any more healthy image to propagate. To go with the body, a new

the feminists happy". Ex-cuse me, but why? Look, I know that a peculiar school of self-loathing feminists have always viewed the female form as something to get angry about, but that doesn't mean the rest of us should go along with it.

But they do. A woman worked for once remarked on some Page Three girl or other's "improbable and in-sulting statistics". I understand why the Page Three girl should have come in for some ideological stick, but I have never quite understood why being privately bosomy should be thought to be an anti-feminist act

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Sorry to be a bore, but what feminism teaches is to be alert to meanings that are appended to things, the inferences that are routinely drawn from appearances. What's the point if we just carry on making the same inferences, drawing the

#### A peerless show of hypocrisy

er than make un with self-importance. This much we expect, and were these expectations simply met, there would be no need to remark on it. But Roy

face is being organised. And

Hattersley goes off the scale. Right off it: he catapults ridiculous how could be pomposity in such a way as to guarantee that even the terminally unembarrassable be left eringing.

Now, there is nothing wrong in wanting to have the House of Lords abol ished. Some of my best House of Lords abolished. But if they do, they don't accept peerages. Or per haps, that isn't quite true: I think they may, but they go quietly, with the decency to be silenced by their hypocrisy. Where Hattersley is wrong is in thinking that by making a fass he is absolving himself of any want of

decency or soundness. He confesses to "naming irysterical every time I think f taking my oath of alle-issue. Should we be grategamer, Snome we be grac-ful, then, that he is to style himself, from Monday, Lord Hattersley of Spark-hrook? I rather think he

I suspect, see, that he feels his moral standing is fully protected by the heavy un-derlay of issue called into facetions play here. But no amount of biaster can hide

sliticians have as series of accept his peerage. I don't wish to imply that he should kave turned his down, bu what we shouldn't have to witness is the struggle between him and this putative conscience culminating in the ignoble from h of the

> former over the latter. -It is customary to lament the passing of the old Left of which Hattersley is an undistinguished relic - and to mourn its ideals of decency and integrity, lost or discarded by an opportunistic new Labour Party. Oh really? Give me Peter Mandelson any day.

#### A denial of human rights

A MAN is currently trying to stop his borough council giving a close-circuit tele vision film of his suicide attempt to the BBC programme Crime Beat. Since I can buy videos of people speeding, without their permission, it is obvious that far from living in the postpermissive age, we are liv-ing in a cruelly unforgiving and almost fundamentalist one: any misdemeanour seems enough to deny anyone the basic liberal rights. Speeding is one thing -

although the principle should be enough — but to be able to publicise human failibility to the extent of broadcasting someone's suicide attempt is distasteful to the point of decadence.



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The newly ennobled Baroness Linklater of Butterstone and the previous Mr and Mrs Linklater: "I have been shifted below the salt. I have taken to falling a step or two behind her, hands clasped behind my back, Prince Philip-style"

# There's a new lady in my life

ly aware, until now, of being a commoner. It is, after all, a relatively familiar state to which most of us become easily attached, Now, however, I am acutely conscious of it. My life has acquired a titular imbalance: my wife has become a baroness. Previously known as Mrs-— as in "May I introduce you to Mr and Mrs Linklater?" she is now the Baroness Linklater, as in "May I intro-. duce you to Baroness Linkla-

The other day the first Lords contemplates its pos- wife will not She has a very

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invitation arrived for "Lady Linklater and guest". I have been shifted below the salt. have taken to falling back a step or two behind her, hands clasped behind my back, Prince Philip-style. Any moment now I expect to hear myself saying "How do you

do? Have you come far?" The whole thing has been a bizarre introduction to the upper echelons of the British class system and the rituals of ennoblement - fascinating, not least because it has hapwhen his wife is invited to become a working peer sible fin de saison; if Tony Blair means what he says, this could be the last generation we shall see of life peers rubbing ermined shoulders with the

hereditary variety. While those who have been born and bred to the peerage will be

splendid green seal in a large holiday, cut off from the red box to prove it, and a letter patent which states that she holds "the said name state degree style dignity title and honour . . . to have and to hold unto her for her life".

It all began this summer, in

outside world save for an ancient telephone linked to a somewhat unstable aerial on a nearby hill. A crackling call came through one evening from Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats. "Are my wife. "We would like you to be a working peer . . . we need

an answer in 24 hours." "I think perhaps I had better lie down," she said, faintly. It proved to be an invitation hard to refuse, whatever the disruption to our lives - a minimum of two days a week for her in London, three-line whips to be obeyed, a maiden speech to think about, debates, questions in the House, the complex traditions of the peer-

age. Just because you are not hereditary doesn't mean that you don't have to be up to speed with protocol. Letters in heavily embossed envelopes began to arrive. Mysterious characters such as "Black Rod" spoke down the telephone.

The question of a title loomed large. The most important new figure in our lives became the Garter King of Arms, known in the trade as "Garter". He had the ultimate say over my wife's new name. She had to be baroness of somewhere. The question was where. It gave me my first opportunity for a House of Lords joke. "It's up to Garter," I would say. But I dare say he'll be fairly elastic." The joke turns out not to be original.

Since my wife wanted a Scottish name as her title, she went to see Garter's main heraldic rival, the Lord Lyon King of Arms (known, of course, as "Lyon"), whose remit covers Scotland. Originally she wondered whether she could be "Lady Linklater of Dunkeld" (the nearest town to her home in Perthshire). This, it emerged, was out of the question, since there had been a Jacobite Lord Dunkeld at the Banle of Killiecrankie in 1689, and although he had been forced into exile after the defeat of the Highland rebels. and died in France, there might be heirs and successors



Into the war zone: Stephen Dillane had grave misgivings about impersonating ITN reporter Michael Nicholson in Welcome to Sarajevo Arts, page 40

Mysterious phone calls, embossed letters and strange rituals — House would not, on the whole, approve . . . " Libraries, Magnus Linklater finds it hard to adjust to life as a commoner book-lined corridors, old portraits and impeccable service give you the impression that time has stood still in the grandest of country houses. waiting to reclaim it. Nor Sitting in the Strangers' could she be plain Lady Link-Gallery, looking down from later, since Lyon had discovered a "Linklater of that ilk" behind the Woolsack, took one back

opted for "Linklater

some, but Garter approved.

where everyone seems eager to

welcome you and no one

expects you to be anything

other than totally confused, at

least to begin with. Instruc-

tions proliferate ("Stick to the

red carpets. If you're on a

green one, you're probably

lost"); "The House" acquires

lurking in the genealogical even further. All undergrowth, and you that could be seen couldn't have two. So she of the Lord Chanvillage where she has founded a black tricorn hat. a school. It sounded cumber-He looked Hogarthian, a figure The big day of my wife's who spoke not at introduction to the House of all, but at whose feet people knelt. Lords was not only a welter of timeless ritual but an intro-There were three duction into a civilised cocoon.

new peers to be introduced, each with two sponsors. My wife was presented by my Lords Jenkins and Mackie, who had to rise and bow three times to the Lord Chancellor, doffing their fore-and-aft hats. My wife, in a rather fetching black bonnet, was allowed to keep it

peroration, welcoming her to the House on behalf of Her Majesty, and including an intriguing reference to the "arduous and urgent affairs" of the present time and "dangers impending". No one was quite clear what this referred to, unless it was Mr Blair's

reform plans. Finally, proached the Woolsack and shook hands with the green seal fying rumble of "hear-hears". She in a large was in - for life. The only other red box

surprise was to note that one of the to prove it other peers being introduced that day had been given the name "Lord Simpson of Dunkeld" - the title said to be

unavailable to my wife. Clearly there is one law north of the border and another south of it. It is time that Lyon scoke to Garter, Or perhaps he should roar.

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# Why Europe can't afford the euro

Milton Friedman explains the

danger of a common currency

nomic growth after it abandoned the exchange-rate

refloat the pound illustrates

the effectiveness of the ex-

change rate as an adjustment

Proponents of the euro often cite the gold standard era from

1879 to 1914 as demonstrating

the benefits of a common

currency. But the gold stan-dard also had its costs. The

period was characterised by

declining prices from 1879 to

1896, rising prices thereafter, and sharp fluctuations within

The standard was viable

only because governments were small (spending about 10

per cent of the national in-

come, rather than 50 per cent or more, as now), prices and

wages were highly flexible and the pub-

lic was willing to tolerate, or had no

way to moderate,

wide swings in out-

put and employ-

ment. Take away

the rose-coloured

glasses and it was

hardly a system to

each period.

say, lower wages relative to other countries, that can be achieved by a change in one excellent monetary arrangement under some price, the exchange rate, rathcircumstances, a poor one under others. Whether it is er than by requiring changes good or bad depends primariin thousands on thousands of separate wage rates, or the emigration of labour. The hardships imposed on France by its "franc fort" policy illustrate the cost of a politicaly on the adjustment mechanisms that are available to absorb the economic shocks and dislocations that impinge on the entities considering ly inspired determination not such a currency. Flexible exchange rates are to use the exchange rate to adjust to the impact of Ger-man unification. Britain's eco-

a powerful adjustment mecha-nism for shocks that affect the entities differently. It is worth dispensing with this mecha-nism to gain the advantage of lower transaction costs and external discipline only if there are adequate alternatives. The United States is an

example of a situation that is favourable to a common currency. Although composed of 50 states, its residents overwhelmingly speak the same language, listen to the same television programmes, see the same movies, can and do move freely from one part of the country to another. Goods and capital move freely from state to state, wages and prices are moderately flexible, and the national Government raises in taxes and spends roughly twice as much as state

and local governments. Fiscal policies differ from state to state, but the differences are mi-The drive nor compared with for the euro the common national policy. Unexpected

national to the state and local

governments, and by adjust-

In contrast, Europe exempli-

fies a situation unfavourable

to a common currency. It is

composed of separate nations,

speaking different languages.

with different customs, and

having citizens feeling far

greater loyalty and attach-

ment to their own country

than to a common market or to

the idea of "Europe". Despite

being a free-trade area, goods

and capital move less freely

The European Commission

based in Brussels, indeed,

spends only a fraction of the

total spent by national govern-

ments in the member coun-

tries. They, not the European

bureaucracies, are the impor-

Moreover, regulation of in-

dustry and employment is

more extensive than in the

United States, and differs far

more from country to country

than between American states.

As a result, wages and prices

in Europe are more rigid, and

labour less mobile. In those

circumstances, flexible ex-

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fect one part of the United States more economic than others — as, for example, the

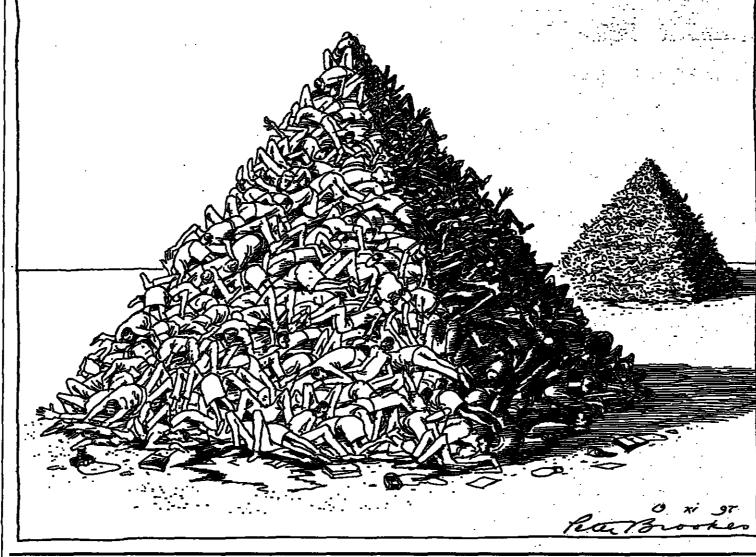
Middle East embargo on oil As of today, a subgroup of did in the 1970s, creating an the European Union - perincreased demand for labour haps Germany, the Benelux and boom conditions in some countries and Austria -- come states, such as Texas, and closer to satisfying the conditions favourable to a common unemployment and depressed currency than does the union conditions in others, such as the oil-importing states of the as a whole. And they also have industrial Midwest. The difthe equivalent of a common ferent short-run effects were soon mediated by movements Austria and the Benelux of people and goods, by offsetting financial flows from the

three have, to all intents and purposes, linked their currencies to the mark. However these countries retain their central banks and hence can break the link at will. Any country that wishes to link to the mark more firmly can do so on its own, simply by replacing its central bank with a currency board, as some countries (such as Estonia) outside the EU have done.

The drive for the euro has been motivated by politics, not economics. The aim has been to link Germany and France so closely as to make a future European war impossible, and to set the stage for a federal United States of Europe. I believe that adoption of the euro would have the opposite effect.

It would exacerbate political tensions by converting diver-gent shocks that could have been readily accommodated by exchange-rate changes into divisive political issues. Political unity can pave the way for monetary unity. Monetary unity imposed under unfavourable conditions will prove a barrier to the achievement of political unity.

change rates provide an extremely useful adjustment The author is a Nobel laureate in economics and a senior If one country is affected by research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford.



# Hysteria calls the shots

Then the Assyrian war-rior Ashurbanipal de-scended on Thebes in the 7th century BC, he razed it to the ground. This first great terrorist boasted that he took the entire city, "silver, gold, precious stones, costly garments, great horses, men and women, obelisks covered with carving... and brought them to Assyria". The sack of Thebes ap-palled the Mediterranean world by its cruelty. Children were dashed to pieces on the streets. Noblemen were sold by lot. "Her strength was infinite," wrote the prophet Nahum of Thebes, "yet she was carried away into cantivity".

Monday's massacre on the site of that city saw a new Assyrian terror. from fanatical opponents of Islamic reform. But whereas Ashurbanipal terrorised by laying waste an entire city, the death squads of Jamaa Islamiyya needed only to machinegum a bushoad of Western tourists. Any blood is news. But Western blood travels the globe. A dead Westerner is a media ticket to ride. Ten thousand Algerians may have died in a similar cause, a hundred thousand Afghans, a million across the Arab world. No matter. In the grim calculus of media values, a dead Westerner is worth a thousand Arabs. His corpse demands a headline and clears a page to shout his killer's cause.

into captivity".

There is no Westerner so productive of publicity as a tourist. Few identify with a murdered businessman or diplomat. A murdered tourist is one of us. He inhabits the same glass capsule from which we too see the outside world, travelling with our minibuses, our tour guides with broken English, our lists of familiar sites and formulaic hotels. We know these places. The path to the Sphinx. the Corniche at Luxor, the drive to the Valley of the Kings are corners of a foreign field that have become for ever England. Machine gun us there and you machine gun us in our backyard, surrounded by cultural

family and friends. This is the core of the fundamentalists' case. Islam is threatened by an imperialism even more menacing to its dogma than the political imperialism of the 19th century. Mass tourism is the agency of this aggression. The tourist is not a neutral bystander in the religious wars now being fought across the Islamic world. He is a participant. The Temple of Hatshepsut, where Monday's atrocity occurred, no longer "belongs" to Egypt Over-reaction to the Luxor massacre

would be to give in to terrorism

but to the world. It is being restored by European archaeologists with Unesco money. To the fundamentalist, Luxor is a cultural colony, occupied by the armies of world

I have just been in Bhutan in the Himalayas, where a Buddhist monarchy is desperate to resist tourist pollution of its culture. Bhutan bans television and insists its citizens wear traditional dress. Tourists are rationed to a meagre 4,000 visas a year. Egypt, in contrast, welcomes four million tourists, and \$2 billion in foreign exchange. Tourism is the

biggest industry. supporting a fifth of the population. Such wealth inevitably Westernises and secularises the country: this. too. is Government policy. But to every policy there is an opposinese tourism is

rationed by the Government, Egyptian tourism is this week rationed by

The initial foreign reaction to Monday's event was predictably irrational. The Luxor murders may have been different only in number from a dozen attacks on tourists in Egypt over the past five years. Yet statistical terrorism took hold. Sixty dead was not just six times "more" than when ten tourists died in a similar attack last September, but ten times "worse". A murder had become a massacre. We feel obliged to inflate

As the media blazoned the news round the world, tour companies organised flights to remove their clients from the scene. A mortified Egypt looked on, while the British Foreign Office said people should leave Luxor as their "security could not be guaranteed". The implication that security was "guaranteed" be-fore the killings but not after was ridiculous. No matter. Public statements at such times must synchronise with hysteria. The only sane voice I heard was from a Manchester woman in a Luxor hotel. She insisted her holiday would continue, because to pull out would "double the misery this tragedy has

caused the Egyptians we have met". Would that someone in authority had

True, a holiday is supposedly about relaxation and freedom from care. The last quality it should require is bravado. Tourism is also a marginal activity, its decisions bordering on the whimsical. In the 1970s, the IRA decided that dead Irish men and women were losing their media appeal, and that dead Americans might do better. It exploded bombs and killed tourists in London, wiping millions from Britain's overseas account because Americans stayed

away in tens of American money were inflicting less danger on visitors than drunk drivers on a Saturday night. Yet Americans believed that the West End had a bomb in every res-

taurant and a grenade in every pub. The tourist is no great student of probability theory. He just wants to feel good. When Mother Hysteria is calling the shots nobody looks at a

risk assessment. Such unreason is oxygen to the terrorist. Trotsky argued that the key to revolution was to manoeuvre the weapons at your disposal to convert apparent weakness into strength. Globalisation of publicity has offered the crank and the fiend a vast realm in which to market their message. In recent years this has meant hijacked planes, kidnapped students; contami-nated food, hacked mainframes and corrupted computers, with the media in unrestrained support. Yet even in this high-tech age, nothing has the global appeal of the most oldfashioned weapon of terror — a picture of a blood-stained body in the

street, product of a bullet or a bomb. The tourist cannot stand aloof from this process. His is the biggest global industry, whose impact on poor countries is benign or devastating according to point of view. (The green lobby worries about Third World products, rarely about Third World services.) The tourist may be no more than a pawn in a political game, but even pawns can move and kill. The behaviour, spending pattern and sheer quantity of Middle East tour-ism is central to the case of Islamic conservatives against their victim regimes. They want the tourists gone.

Visitors to Egypt may deceive themselves that they are mute hedonists, mere spectators of the march of history. They should be disabused. Their money and presence fuels social change. Indeed, if pressed, they would probably agree that foreign exchange and capitalism are good for Egypt and the more of it, the sooner the better. The youthful Grand Tourist in the 18th century was injuncted not to confine his attention to art. He should enquire and learn about the political and social life of the countries through which he travelled, thus to broaden his mind. He was entering its "society" and

should know what he was doing. Ever since Thomas Cook sent travellers to Luxor in the last century, Britain has involved itself in Egyptian politics, as tourist as well as colonial power. The spectacle of Britons scuttling out of Egypt this week with fanatics at their heels was unedifying - the more so when impelled by commercial and diplomatic "advice". It was precisely what the gunmen would have wanted, and precisely what the forces of order, moderation and reform most feared.

I remember being outraged when Americans scuttled from London during the IRA bombing campaign. They were, I thought, both cowardly and irrational. They were safer in London than in any American city. America was not just financing IRA terror but dancing to its murderous tune. By the same token all lovers of Egypt should now flock to Luxor. The place is no more or less dangerous than it was last week. The odds on getting machine gunned are infinitesimally small, and less than a hundred other risks we take each day. To join the boycott is to join the terrorist in his odious campaign. It tells him that his tactic works.

Shelley's mythical Ozymandias ruled on this same plain at Luxor. where the poet envisaged "the wrin-kled lip, the sneer of cold command". Such is the murderer's machine gun. That gun is now seeking to end Europe's most recent imperial journey up the Nile. It would be a grim legacy if a boycott indeed helped turn Egypt fundamentalist, if it left at Luxor only "the decay of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare", the empty hotels and wrecked cruisers of

a transient, thoughtless tourism.

# Alan Coren



What has driven Labour to ioin in this whole sorry business?

es, of course we shall all remember where we were and what we were doing on the day the Prime Minister of Great Britain said he was sorry. How could we not? We were all eating our Sunday lunches and staring at our rableside tubes. And when he said he was sorry. all our jaws fell open, and all our forks paused in mid-air, leaving the roast beef of Old England and the poached squid of new Labour trembling alike on all our tines. Many of us will have our times. Many of us will have started weeping. It is what we do, these days. Indeed, after we had recovered somewhat and blown our noses, not a few of us will have risen from the table to light a candle for him, or rummage in a nearby drawer for yellow ribbon; possibly both.

And thus, spun as we had so

defuly been into quivering empathy with the pretty straight guy he had just reminded us that he was, it occurred to none of us to ask ourselves the only question he did not address. I do not blame the rest of you for not asking it, I did not ask it myself until a good hour later, when, still stifling the odd sob, I was exhuming the geraniums in my front garden and some adolescent maniac in a howling rustbucket came belting down our suburban hill at a shade under 200mph, braked for the corner, spun through 360 degrees, stalled, and then shot squealing off again, no doubt to take a second crack at suicide somewhere else. It was only then, as the reek of burnt rubber and the clunk of dangling exhaust faded on the air, that the unasked, unanswered question burst upon me it wasn't about accepting fat donations from carcinogenically subsidised businesses, it wasn't about misleading Parliament over second similar donations, it wasn't about the iffiness of assorted insider interests with which these donations might be fraught, it wasn't about the broken electoral promises of countless wordy weasels, it was about what in God's name the Labour Party thought it was doing by getting into bed with

motor racing.

Last week, in one of the myriad sidebars to the present shenanigans, the Cancer Research Campaign announced incontrovertible evidence that teenage motor racing fans smoked twice as much as their unifan peer group. No surprise there: the symbiosis between spuriously glamorous death-defying pastimes is clear enough, ask any adman, but what had particularly dismayed the CRC was that motor racing was the fastest-growing teenage spectator sport. I now invite you to join me in being even more dismayed than they are; since however grim the implications may be for the future of smoking, the implications for driving make the future grimmer yet.

Because we don't need the CRC to tell us that the young are obsessed with motor racing; we catch the sharp end of that obsession every day, cut up at roundabouts, overtaken on inside motorway lanes. tailgated on winding country ones, forced to swerve for unsigned handbrake turns or to hit our own brakes at a green light because some spotty chancer has gunned through a red; and we know exactly why they drive that way, it is because they are round the North Circular they are going round Hockenheim, they are not negotiating the Hangar Lane gyratory, they are negotiating the Brands Hatch chicane, and more unsettling yet, an exponentially increasing prothey do not have to afford because they can afford a brick for the window and a pair of pliers for the ignition, and if the Old Bill gives chase, so much the better, since the Old Bill is really Old Damon, and, oh look, we have spun off at Druid's, and, oh look now, they are turning off our life-support.

straight guy. I'll take another shufti at the manifesto, and if I'm wrong, I shall of course apolo-

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playing at being Villeneuve or Hill or, God help us, Schumacher, they are not going portion of them, as a glance at the drear statistics show, are doing it in race-tuned plunder

Odd, I thought the Labour Party was obsessed with cars, too. I thought it was obsessed with cutting their numbers, their size, their power, their environmental and human destruction, I thought Tony's abiding aspiration was to see us all on clockwork buses or pushbikes, I cannot recall any pledges that motor racing and all that it encourages would be passionately supported. But I'm a pretty

# Film noir

DEAD actors are wetting the unsavoury appetite of Madonna: the chanteuse is to make a film about that much missed comic master, Peter Sellers. His surviving friends, including Lord Snow-don, are not happy. The flick will be based loosely on Roger Lewis's salacious 1994 biography. The Life and Death of Peter Sellers. It is an unhappy story. Worn out by drink and four unsoothing marriages to actresses Anne Howe, Britt Ekland, Miranda Quarry and Lynne Frederick, Sellers died after collapsing in the dowdy Dorchester Hotel in 1980, aged 55.

The film will be made by Madonna's company. Maverick

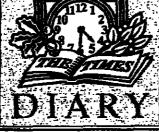
will not be co-operating," Snowdon suitable subject for a film." Madonna will not be short of parts. She could play Ekland, or one of Seller's stable of lovers — Priscilla Presley. Mia Farrow, Liza Minelli. If the director feels she is a little,

Productions. "I loved Peter but I

well, senior for such roles, she could portray Seller's mother, with whom poverty forced him to share a bed until he was 16. "Madonna is very keen to meet Lewis," says a Tinseltown source. "Her producer lunched him at the Garrick. Madonna was so upset she couldn't make it." Perhaps a good reason for the Garrick staying men only.



X-rated idea: Madonna, and Sellers with Britt Ekland



●ANN WIDDECOMBE's best putdown is about to enter common usage. Channel 4 will next month broadcast an episode of a new late-night current affairs programme Something of the Night, hosted by that master of self abuse Will Self. The title refers to the former Home Office Minister's devastating description of her former boss Michael Howard. Naturally, Miss Widdecombe will take part.

# Smoked out

AS if smoking had not already seriously damaged the Government's health, a group of Labour MPs is attempting to ban the House of Commons's own brand of cigarettes. The twenty friends appear in a box stamped with Parliament's imprimatur. Nearly 4,000 packets

a year are sold from behind the bars at Westminster. However, their sale is now to be raised with the All-Party Smoking and Health Group. But is it just a smoke-

### De-briefed

DANGEROUS, cash shortages. The once mighty Millbank Tower has been forced to suspend the "daily brief" which provides soundbites to keep confused MPs on message. "We don't have



enough people in the office because they are at by-elections," says one there. Labour MPs should make the most of this unexpected intellectual freedom. It will not last. "The daily brief will be resumed as soon as possible. Occasional briefs will be communicated as appropriate," waffles a Millbank memo.

● FAME descended, briefly, upon Michael White, The Guardian's mischievous political editor, when he entered a young Labour bash sporting the name tag of Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, Peter Mandelson's influential assistant. "It was terrific," says White. "I met so many nice future Prime Ministers,"

#### Not kosher

A NASTY spat is brewing between Maureen Lipman and the TV critic Victor Lewis-Smith over alleged anti-Semitism. The piggy in the middle is Vanessa Feltz, a minor if well-proportioned - TV host. After three years of aiming such subtle abuse as "fat lardbucket" and "30 chins Feltz" at the hapless presenter, LS likened her to a Yenta" (a dim but cunning woman). Ms Lipman is furious and has traded hitter letters. 'Some of the words he used were unbelievable." she says.



noble name: Rosina, daughter of Lord Cobbold, above, is setting up a furniture firm in the garden of her parent's stately. Knebworth House, Herts. Rosina Lytton Ltd. will manufacture coffee-tables, big chairs — the normal country bungalow stuff. This is not the first time the Lytton Cobbolds have put their house to commercial use. Last year, to help pay restoration costs, they opened up to the rock group Oasis and 250,000 paying guests. "I'm using one of my father's buildings as a workshop, says Rosina, 25, who will design the furniture herself. I've renovated it in return for the first five years' rent." To that other chippy, David Linley: beware.

JASPER GERARD

Museums as 'perk

for middle classes'

Sir. There is evidence to be found in

Italy to contradict Magnus Linklater's view (November 13) of the deterrent

effect of museum charges there. In Florence, where the Uffizi, the Pitti

Palace and the Accademia all make a

charge of 12,000 lire (about £4.50),

there are nearly always long queues at

the ticket offices: that at the Uffizi

commonly extends for a quarter of

mile or more along the banks of the

three museums alone has been esti-

mated to exceed £10 million a year.

which goes a long way towards ad-

ministering and conserving their

priceless treasures. If the collections

are worth seeing, the public will

Sir. The Department of Culture's ar-

parent U-turn on admission charges

(report, "Free museums 'are perk for

middle classes'". November 12) was

predictable, and is welcome. There is

no such thing as a free museum - not

even in the unlikely event that

museum directors and curators were

to offer their services in full as

In whatever concessionary or rig-

orous form admission charges may be

applied, they do generate a valuable

contribution to museum operating

costs. Even more important, they

increase visitor expectations and use-

fully sharpen the collective museum

view of its public-service purpose.

Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Sir, What Orwellian logic, to claim

that one has to charge for museum

entry so that the poor (via taxes) do not subsidise the rich. The only problem

is that some of those taxes already go

Actually, if the museums were to

charge enough they could keep out the

nasty middle classes as well, leaving

the field of appreciation back where it

belongs (perhaps they might argue)

with the seriously wealthy. A bit like

Yours faithfully, A. M. T. MAXWELL-IRVING,

From the Chairman of the

Association of Independent

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Telford House,

November 13.

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Yours faithfully,

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M. RASBURN,

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Heapham, Lincolnshire.

Yours.

JONATHAN BRYANT.

Chairman, Association of

From Dr Michael Rasburn

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From Mr A. M. T. Maxwell-Irving

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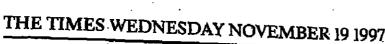
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# WHY ARE WE WAITING?

The Government must show radicalism now on the NHS

Frank Dobson is the St Augustine of this Government - he will keep Labour's promises on the National Health Service, but not yet. The Health Secretary's pledge to make waiting lists shorter is now, itself, on a waiting list, to be tackled in due course. The Department of Health has adopted a flexible approach to election commitments over the past few weeks but Mr Dobson's inability to deliver an early reduction in the numbers waiting for treatment is primarily a consequence of problems he inherited rather than created. It should be noted, however, that the decision to abolish tax relief for private health insurance taken out by the elderly has hardly reduced the demand for NHS beds. Given the pressures which Labour politicians knew the NHS faced, they may have been raising expectations too high with their campaign rhetoric but ministers have tried to be as good as the manifesto's word.

The Government may not have increased spending on the NHS by the 3 per cent health professionals demand, but expenditure has gone up by 1.9 per cent in real terms, 0.7 per cent more than the Conservatives had budgeted for. The appointment of Stephen Day to lead a Waiting List Action Team may strike the cynical as windowdressing, but the West Midlands director of the NHS has achieved striking success in reducing waiting lists in his region and the wider adoption of his proven good practice should help improve efficiency. Both the recent funding increase and any efficiency gains promoted by Mr Day will, however, only be palliative measures. The size of waiting lists is only one, albeit painful, symptom of a deeper problem with the health service which will require structural

reform from the Government to correct. An indication of how daring the Government might be will come with the publication of a White Paper on the future of the NHS, expected before Christmas. The minister responsible for the White Paper, Alan Milburn, is an imaginative moderniser committed to improving the delivery of patient care by learning appropriate lessons from service providers in the private sector. There is, however, a paradox inherent in adopting all the lessons that the private sector can teach except for the competition and choice which makes it so creative a tutor. The Government are in danger of cherry-picking rather than planting their own orchard.

Fundamental reform of the NHS will not be easy. With traditional Labour sensibilities already offended by the treatment of teachers and the prospect of welfare reform. radical change to the health service would require political courage. It cannot, however, be avoided. The NHS has been permanently on the verge of crisis since the mid-eighties and various internal efficiency improvements have not addressed the fundamental problems faced by the service. Even if the Government were prepared to countenance significant tax rises to try to meet the spiralling demand for health care they would be beyond anything the public could be expected to bear. Imposing new charges, especially for GP consultations, would only discourage early treatment and pile up problems for the future.

If ministers want to avoid an annual wrestle with the Treasury to keep waiting lists at an endurable level then they should start considering a move to some form of social, or stakeholder, insurance system which borrows the best from continental and US public sector practice and allows competition to lever down costs. The Minister for Welfare Reform, Frank Field, yesterday outlined a vision of governmentsupervised insurance for the costs of care which could revive the spirit of voluntarism. Frank Dobson could do worse than learn from Mr Field, who, if not a saint, is the closest the Government has to a prophet.

# **DIPLOMATS AND DICTATORS**

Dialogue with Iraq should not dilute allied objectives

It was the day of the diplomats. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and Boris Yeltsin both held talks with Tareo Aziz, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, in Moscow. Meanwhile, Binyamin Netanyahu and King Hussein of Jordan met in Ascot. Further activity is proposed for the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council in Geneva over the next lew days, I ms implies a diplomatic solution is a distinct possibility.

This dialogue represents the quest for a deal under which Iraq would allow UN inspectors to re-enter its borders. The mediators have sought something to offer Saddam. It has been hinted that there might be an alteration in the inspection teams that would offset the disputed American element. The United States has indicated that, if she co-operates, Iraq might obtain a modest increase in the amount of money it is allowed to raise through oil sales to purchase food and medicines for its population. Alternatively, the range of available materials that could be bought under this scheme could be slightly extended.

Allied interest in such an arrangement is understandable. A military strike against Saddam would surely court widespread international condemnation. This would be especially true in the Middle East itself. Few countries, other than Britain and Israel, would support American action. President Clinton could not be certain that even an intense assault would ensure that Iraq relented. The prospect of prolonged strife is unwelcome in Washington. A "face-saving" formula would be exceptionally convenient.

There is, though, a thin line between allowing Iraq to retreat and the risk of outright appeasement. The danger is that the United States will end up in de facto negotiations with the Iraqi leader. At the

outset of this crisis the United Nations made it clear that the Security Council not Saddam Hussein would determine who carried out its inspections. This question was separate from the rules surrounding oil sales. That was and remains the right position on this issue. The Russians would link the two and, in Mr Primakov's words, show that there is "light at the end of the tunnel" on sanctions.

A pargain on these terms will be viewed as an important victory by Baghdad. Iraq will have eased its economic plight and obtained an invaluable three-week space in which to hide evidence of its biological and chemical arsenal. The United States and Britain will have lost their ability to shape allied strategy. The UN inspectors will have been rendered less effective. Saddam will foresee a time when sanctions are lifted despite his military ambitions. Furthermore, he will reach the conclusion that aggressive moves on his behalf are the best means of moving that moment closer. Conflict postponed at this point will lead to confrontation later. The United States must entertain extreme

caution before it makes such concessions. It is true that a showdown with Iraq would cause enormous diplomatic difficulties. However, if Mr Clinton thinks that he cannot strike Iraq at any time when the United States is unpopular in the Middle East then he might as well remove his armed forces entirely. The sole relevant criterion is whether Iraq is in compliance with its legal commitments. If it is, the end of sanctions will come automatically. If not, isolation and inspection should continue. The material declassified by the Foreign Office yesterday shows that Saddam canproduce chemical and biological weapons very quickly. The US and Britain cannot dilute their original objectives. It will soon be clear if there is to be a day of the dictator.

# **ONCE MORE WITH PAPER BAG**

Audience participation comes to the 1812 Overture

Drips of water can bore a hole in stone. So enough paper bags burst simultaneously could simulate the discharge of a cannon. On Sunday the audience at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, is being asked to test this proposition. Because of the expense of securing cannon for the performance of the 1812 Overture, each member of the audience is being given paper bags to burst at the appropriate downbeats of the baton.

Tchaikovsky, that tortured genius, might have disapproved of this rescoring of his most popular work. But he hated its vulgar noisiness anyway. And the class of instruments that can be used to make music is open-ended, especially in the kitchen of the orchestra. The toy symphonies of the 19th century introduced warblers and tweeters. Gerald Hoffmung, the Heath Robinson of music, composed pieces for hosepipe and vacuum cleaner. Benjamin Britten scored Let's make an Opera for mirsery sounds such as tinkling teacups.

Such novel instrumentation can create novel musical problems. Matteo Fargian's chamber music for cardboard box caused critical debate about which supermarket provided the most musical box. And audience participation takes control away from the maestro with the baton. John Cage's 4.33 was regarded by the composer as his most significant work. The performers sit silently on the concert platform. The music is whatever noise comes from the audience and from outside the concert hall. The same composer's 0.00 is less problematic, since it can be performed by anyone in any way, and can be said not to exist.

This latest experiment with audience playing the music will be putted with breathless interest. But audiences should probably be kept in their place - which is, of course, coughing and unwrapping toffees during the musical noises, and making their own loud noises at the end. To test the acoustics at the new Bayreuth theatre, local soldiers were brought in to squat on the floor. Wagner described them as his ideal audience. First, they were all in their places before the music began. Secondly, they did not talk or fidget while it was being played. And thirdly, when it was over, they made no pretence of having understood anything of what they had seen or heard and so sensibly refrained from airing their opinions about it.

After the paper bangs, the next performance of the 1812 Overture at the Bridgewater Hall comes on December 2. The performers will be the combined bands of the Royal Marines, the Hungarian National Guard, and the Royal Swedish Navy. At least they should have the equipment to revert to Tchaikovsky's original score, without counting on the audience for their pops.

# Political propriety

put in proportion From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir. Shall we ever come to our collective senses on the subjects of sleaze and adultery in public life? The record of the last balf-century is not encouraging.

Once upon a time there was a minor comman named Sidney Stanley, who persuaded a decent but unsophisticated junior minister to accept some small gifts, a transaction from which Stanley derived no perceptible benefits. The reports of the inquiry which followed filled the pages of the popular press for days, and the Attlee Government never recovered its reputation for moral integrity.

Later, Harold Macmillan's able minister, John Profumo, with a beautiful and talented wife to whom he was clearly devoted, chose not to admit to a passing affair with a girl named Christine Keeler. The Government fell in consequence.

More recently one or two Conser-vative MPs decided to augment their incomes by asking questions of minimal interest to the nation at large. The outcome of this was that the Conservative defeat at the next election was transformed into a rout.

Now we are back on track with tobacco advertising and motor racing. Clearly standards in public life must be maintained, and in this country they are, happily, exceptionally high. But, as we are unlikely to have a government whose members are all tectotal cumuchs with inexpensive tastes, there will continue to be lapses. Can we not attach proper proportions to them?

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH, Flat 2, Pencarrow, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset. November 17.

From Mr Richard Fawls

Sir, Not the least unsatisfactory aspect of the Ecclestone affair is that when the Prime Minister finally felt compelled to give some explanation he did so in a television interview rather than to Parliament.

Nothing, I believe, could demonstrate more clearly the contempt with which recent governments in this country increasingly regard democratic institutions, whatever they may say to the contrary.

Let us hope that the House of Commons, and in particular back-benchers on the Government side, take steps to assert the rights which Parliament has on behalf of the people.

Yours faithfully RICHARD FAWLS, Kimberley Court. Uckfield Road, Crowborough, East Sussex. November 18.

From Mr Ben Tominey

Sir, Professor Tony Eccles (letter, November 14) suggests that the num-ber of UK jobs at risk in Formula One is "close to zero". Having been a motor-racing fan (and smoker) for many years, I found the suggestion almost comical.

Should Formula One be forced out of this country, it would have a very serious effect, not only on the jobs within the motor-racing industry itself, but also on the towns surrounding our tracks, which rely on the people that come to the races to survive.

Motor racing in this country is a major source of income. Should racing be forced out I see no reason why the manufacturing firms should stay in Britain, when they could set up in the Far East and race there perma-

Yours faithfully, BEN TOMINEY, 17 Upper Lattimore Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Alvin D. Stockmarr

Sir, Mr Blair should invest some of the £1.7 billion which smoking costs the NHS (report, today) on antismoking advertising to replace that of the existing tobacco advertisers. This can be done on a tapering basis, reducing to zero after, say, five years. Mr Bernie Ecclestone will then have time to find alternative sponsors to pick up his end of the taper. At the same time he can save the alleged 50,000 jobs at risk and savour the satisfaction that he is preventing a large number of people, young and old, from the damage to health which

smoking causes. And the Government can sign up to the EU directive. Really, not such a hard choice.

Yours faithfully, ALVIN D. STOCKMARR, Stone Cottage, Blind Lane, Coleby, nr Lincoln. November 18.

From Mr Albert Alan Owen Sir. Ecclesgate?

Yours sincerely. ALBERT ALAN OWEN, Melindwr, Ponterwyd, Ceredigion. adocompose@dol.com November 18.

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# Legal aid for infants and mentally ill

serving cases will not be pursued. Is

that really what a compassionate society wants? I cannot believe that a

Labour Government will lend itself to

4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

From Dr Maurice Lipsedge and

Sir. We are dismayed by the Govern-

ment's proposals to withdraw legal

aid from people who have been assaulted or falsely imprisoned by the

police or who have received negligent

or abusive treatment from our psychi-

The victims of these wrongs are

usually the most vulnerable in our

society. They can rarely afford to pay

for legal advice. They could not afford

the premiums for the legal insurance

necessary for conditional-fee agree-

ments. Indeed, of the very few insur-

ance policies available, one specifi-

cally excludes cases involving psychi-

We urge the Government to be aware of the serious civil liberties

implications of denying access to justice to these groups. If the reforms

proceed we will return to a society in

which those who abuse their power or

who exercise it incompetently will be

unaccountable for their actions.

Yours faithfully, MAURICE LIPSEDGE

(Consultant psychiatrist),

MAGI YOUNG (solicitor).

Parlett Kent. Portland House,

Longbrook Street, Exeter, Devon.

these proposals.

Yours faithfully,

November 10.

Ms Magi Young

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JEAN H. RITĆHIE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

From Miss Jean H. Ritchie, OC

Sir, In his interview with Frances Gibb (November 7) the Lord Chancellor states that in medical negligence cases where a child has been brain damaged a claim should only bebrought if the case has a 75 per cent chance of success - and then on a "no win, no fee" basis. In this way, he claims, parents will avoid the "agony" of litigation.

As a practitioner in the field of medical negligence I consider such a view to be seriously flawed. Brain damage causes cerebral palsy in the form of physical handicap and sometimes mental handicap too. The severity of the cerebral palsy varies between the very mild and the extremely serious, where the child cannot move, cannot speak and remains a baby trapped in a growing body.

The medical profession's view is that only 10 per cent of cerebral palsy cases are caused by doctors negligence. Expert investigation is therefore essential in every case, frequently requiring reports from consultants in obstetrics, paediatrics, paediatric neurology and neuroradiology.

Under the Lord Chancellor's proposals a child, however hadly damaged, will no longer have a right to legal aid for that investigation to be carried out. A solicitor and a barrister will have to do a considerable amount of work for no fee at all before they can even assess the chances of success; they will also have to pay the fees of the experts consulted. How many cases, in commercial reality, will then be investigated, let alone taken to

The Lord Chancellor's proposals will mean that many, if not most, de-

**Berlin and Goldsmith** From Mr Frank Giles

Sir, My old friend and colleague William Rees-Mogg has attempted to compare the late Sir Isaiah Berlin with the late Sir James Goldsmith (Two men with their hearts in history", November 17).

There is obviously room in all societies for men of reflection and men of action. But to discuss in the same breath these two men reveals a seriously defective sense of proportion. Comparisons, according to Shakespeare, are odorous. Though the dictionary defines this as sweet-smelling, I find this one just the opposite.

Yours truly, FRANK GILES. 12 Biomheid Road. November 18.

From Mr Richard Ingrams

Toxic pesticides

Sir, Used as I am to Lord Rees-Mogg's eccentric views. I cannot allow his equation of Sir Isaiah Berlin with Sir James Goldsmith to go unchallenged.

From Dr Peter Brand, MP for the

Sir, The findings by Dr Robert Davies

on the use of toxic pesticides during

the Gulf War (report, November 17)

will be welcomed by the many in this

country who believe they are victims

of illness caused by exposure to

organophosphates or other pesticides. In a 1995 study by the Institute of Occupational Health, "significant dif-

ferences" between workers exposed to

organophosphate sheep-dip and con-

trol workers were apparent on three

neuropsychological tests. This new

study adds to a growing body of research which suggests that organo-

phosphate exposure can cause psych-

I believe that the Government

should make accidental exposure to

pesticides a notifiable event: in this

way a complete collection of evidence

for this distressing set of conditions

latric and physiological illness.

Isle of Wight (Liberal Democrat)

away from former ministers (report,

Soames, the then Armed Forces Minister, declined my request for the publication in the then forthcoming official report of corrections to each of the five inaccurate replies on the subject given in Parliament over the previous three years.

The latest statement, and the release to Parliament of further information by John Reid, Mr Soames's successor, suggest that I was right to persist in my request.

At the end of the defence debate on February 1, 1996, Mr Soames chose gratuitously to describe me as "completely barking" rather than address the serious points I had raised. Time has shown that I was indeed barking

— up the right tree. Rather than let civil servants carry the can, the present Government should ensure that the errors of past Conservative ministers are made

A deserved outcome of this sad saga would be if Gulf War veterans are now properly compensated for their Yours sincerely,

Sir, Students on a full-time course at

the Inns of Court School of Law who

are exploiting a loophole in benefits

regulations should perhaps be con-

gratulated, as future barristers, for highlighting the present ambiguity of what is a "full-time course" (report,

There is no general definition of a

"full-time course" in the social security

regulations; each case is considered

on its merits. In my experience,

universities do not expect full-time

students to attend classes for more

The Government's proposals to re-

duce public funding to higher educa-

tion students may well encourage

more students to look to the social sec-

urity system as an alternative source

than nine hours a week.

(Principal Lecturer in Law),

The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4,

Middlesex University.

of finance.

Yours faithfully,

a.ruff@mdx.ac.uk

ANNE RUFF

October 30; letter, November 8).

LLEW SMITH, House of Commons. November 17.

Students' benefits

From Mrs Anne Ruff

#### Old wine, new bottles

Sir, I am concerned that the ultimate

responsibility for the failure of the

MoD to release information on the use

From Mr Dave Jarvie

can be built up.

Yours faithfully

November 17.

PETER BRAND.

House of Commons.

From Mr Llew Smith, MP for

Blaenau Gwent (Labour)

Sir, Thank you for Robin Young and Jane MacQuitty's splendid Naff Wine Guide, "Brands that fail the taste test" (November 15). How lovely to remember the wines

that we loved so dearly in our youth. Just getting familiar with them was the first rung on the learning curve. I recently tried to express to a local

wine appreciation class how necessary it was then to impress the opposite sex with the ability to order wine confidently in a restaurant and how, no matter what wine was ordered, invariably it came up tasting "chemical", "oxidised", "acidic" "sulphury" and "gross" - in fact, very much as MacQuitty and Young re-

It's good to see that some things don't change.

Yours faithfully, DAVE JARVIĚ (Founder, DJ's Wine Club), 35 Woodland Way, Woodford Green, Essex.

November 11.

Like Rees-Mogg, I knew Isaiah Berlin; and although I never person-ally met Goldsmith I had reason to make a close study of him over many years. Berlin was an immensely learned, cultured, witty liberal who enriched the lives of many (including myself) with his insights into the history of philosophy. Goldsmith, who was semi-educated

and totally lacking in cultural interests, enriched only himself and his families by devoting his life to making money. Such ideas as he had were half-baked and invariably at odds with his own actions. It would be hard to find anyone who had less in common with Isaiah Berlin.

I am sure Isaiah could have provided many examples from history of powerful, charismanc individuals who attracted unthinking adulation from intellectuals and journalists who should have known better.

Yours. RICHARD INGRAMS (Editor), The Oldie, 45 Poland Street, Wl. November 17.

of organophosphate pesticides during From Mr Kevin McGrath the Gulf War seems to be being shifted on to departmental civil servants,

Sir, Surely if museums were to become more like Marks & Spencer and Harvey Nichols, as the Arts Minister October 29). On March 4 this year, Nicholas is reported as suggesting, the first thing they would do would be to abolish admission charges.

As for the implication that there is something inappropriate about people using museums as rendezvous points, how does this differ from the way they use shops, parks, railway stations and public places generally? They have even been known to go to Trafalgar Square without having, as their primary purpose, to stare at Nelson's column.

> KEVIN McGRATH. 122 Herons Wood, Harlow, Essex. November 13.

#### Choc horror

From Mr Leslie Gilmore

Sir, Sir Hans Sloane may have concocted milk chocolate and played a major role in founding the British Museum (letter, November 13) but, gad Sir, an Englishman he was not! Like so many of those who made

innumerable contributions to every facet of British life, Sir Hans was an Ulster-Scot, born in Killyleagh, Co

Yours faithfully, LESLIE GILMORE. 71 Kirkliston Park, Belfast. November 18.

One of those jobs

From Mrs J. A. Temple

Sir, Let us hope that Mr Ernie Preston (letter, November 13) has had the good sense to store his blackout blinds certain insurance against ever requiring them again.

Yours faithfully. JENNIFER TEMPLE, Winwick Manor, Winwick, Northampton. November 13.

From Mr Peter Wynne Davies

Sir, Taking down blackout blinds may be embarrassing enough; but developing wedding pictures after the subsequent divorce, as I once did, is perhans even more so.

Yours etc. PETER WYNNE DAVIES. 93 Bedford Road, N2. peterwd@btinternet.com November 17.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 19: The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Oueen this

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. this morning received a cheque on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern treland from employees of

His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, afterwards presented the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award at Buckingham

The Duke of Edinburgh. Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke Edinburgh's Award International Association, this after-noon attended a Luncheon at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lin-coln's Inn Fields, London WC2.

His Royal Highness later opened J.H. Allen and Company Limited's bookshop, 4 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SWI. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. Outward Bound Trust, this evening attended a Patron's Company

Dinner at St James's Palace. The Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the Arrival of The King of Sweden and welcomed His Majesty on behalf

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to Her

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 18: The Princess Royal, President, this morning visited the Save the Children Fund shop, 55 London Road, Stockton Heath, and was received by the Viscount Ashbrook (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Her Royal Highness, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon attended a training course at the National Tenants Resource Centre, Trafford Hall. Ince Lane, Wimbolds Trafford,

Birthdays today

# engagements

Lady Davina Windsor celebrates her 20th birthday today. Mr R.S. Baldock, High Mas-

ter, St Paul's School, 53; M Raymond Blanc, chef and restaurateur, 48; Dr Michael Brindle, president, Royal College of Radiologists, 63; Lord Falconer of Thoroton, OC., 46: Mr C.J. Farrow, chief executive. Mersevside Development Corp. 50: Miss Maeve Fort. diplomat, 57; Miss Jodie Foster, actress, 35; Miss Kathleen Halpin, former chief administrator, WRVS Regions, 94; Baroness Jeger, 82; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, 77: the Earl of Lindsay, 42; Mr David Lloyd-Jones, conductor, 63: Mr Ian Mills, chairman, North Thames Regional NHS Trust, 62; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 85; Miss Meg Ryan, actress, 36: Dr Robert C. Smith, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, 62; the Ven Michael Till, Dean of Winchester, 62; Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, former President, Royal College of Physicians, 73.

Royal Carers Centre, Handy Jack DIY Superstore, Leicester Street, Northwich, Cheshire.

cls.3Carers, later visited the Vale

Her Royal Highness, Royal Master of the Bench, the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, this evening attended a Dinner at the Inner Temple, London EC4.

CLARENCE HOUSE November 18: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady in Waiting to Queen Eliza-beth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 18: The Prince of Wales this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of Titanic in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, Londor

KENSINGTON PALACE November 18: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the London Playing Fields Society, today re-ceived Mr Peter Nathan upon relinquishing his appointment as Chairman and Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes upon assuming

His Royal Highness this after noon open the new Music and Administration Building, Christ Church School, Warnham Road, North Finchley, London Ni2.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Dinner given by The King and Queen of Sweden at the Swedish Embassy, Portland Place,

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 18: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, United Kingdom Committee for United Nations International Children's Fund, this morning presented the Champion Children Awards at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London WI.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK November 18: Princess Alexandra. Patron, this afternoon opened the new Library and Learning Re-source Centre of the Central School

of Speech and Drama in Eton Avenue, London NW3.

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for

#### Today's royal

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a luncheon at Guildhall at 12.30 hosted by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and they the Festival Hall at 6.45. Other members of the Royal Family will be present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will chair a meeting of the trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception for the launch of the McCarthy Foundation's Bobby Appeal at St James's Palace at 12.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Engineering Council, will attend the annual conference of the Institution of Civil Engineers at Great George Street, London SWI, at 9.05am.

12th at The Portland Hospital, to Paul and Lisa, a beautiful daughter, Grace

VILLIERS-SMITH - On November 8th 1997, to Susan (née Hughes) and Eupert, a son, Alexander Oding.

WHITLEY - On November 17th, to Tarz (nés Chichester-Clark) and Edward, a son, James Edward Dawson,

November 1997. Peacefully in the loving care of Crispins (WE Familian) and of Shelin dearest in the oring care of Crispins (WE familian) and of Shelin dearest father of Jame and Virginia, loving grandfather of Rosanna, Patricki and Danny, Privata cremation, Funeral Service at 3t Nicolas Church, Guildford, Monday 24th Rosumber 12.15 pm Femily flowers only please; domitions if dealers to the RNIB clo Robert Ayling Francis Services, 25 South Rend, Guildford, Sunsy (CQ2 6NY, Yels (01483) 567333.

DARRIGHON: - Yvonne (nie Lepper) at Kent & Sussex Hospital en 16th November 1997, beloved wife of Geoff. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to League of Friends Edenbridge Hospital, c/o Funemi Directors & Smith & Sons, 127 Lingfield &ead, Edenbridge, Kent TNS SDT, (01732) 862117.

FRINK - Jean Kathleen peacefully at her home in Dorset, Mother of Tim and the late Dame Elizabeth Prink C.H., R.A. 3he was a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Time and date of service to be announced later.

DEATHS



The three class-winning authors of this year's Smartie Book Prize awards at London Zoo yesterday with the children's television presenter Tony Anstis and Max the Eagle owl. From left: J.K. Rowling [Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, 9 to 11], Jenny Nimmo (The Owl Tree, 6 to 8), and Charlotte Voake (Ginger, under-5)

# Award for **founders** of helpline

THE co-founders of the National Missing Persons Helpline. Mary Asprey and Janet Newman, yesterday won the United Kingdom Woman of Europe Award sponsored by the European Movement.

The award, shared by two women for the first time in its ten-year history, is intended to reward voluntary contributions by women to European integration. Over the past years Ms Asprey and Ms Newman have worked to extend their helpline to the Continent so that they can now track down missing people across the European Union.

They work closely with the EU and Interpol, making the helpline a source of information for Europe-wide investigations into drug rings, murders and other crimes.

Their award was presented

by the television reporter Kate Adie at the House of Commons. Other nominees were: Mary Baker, honorary president of the European Parkinhelped set up the European arm of the Parkinson's Disease Society; Janine Fitzpatrick. Scottish winner of the Council of Europe European Schools Day Award, who has campaigned for racial equality across the EU: Professor Jean Golding, professor of paediatric and perinatal epi-demiology at Bristol Univer-sity, who has studied the effect of environment on children's health in Europe; and Bronagh Hinds, director of the Ulster People's College, who helped to found the Northern Ireland Women's

Coalition. Past winners have included the human rights lawyer Helena Kennedy, QC, and Juliet Lodge, professor of European politics at Leeds University.

# New chronicle of ancient sunlight dates Grecian age

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

A NOVEL method of dating ancient buildings, developed in Edinburgh, has received important support from work in Bordeaux on one of the most famous temples of Classical Greece.

Using the principles of thermoluminescence (TL). the Temple of Apollo at Delphi has been dated to a period that includes its known date of construction of 550 BC. The TL method, originally

developed for distinguishing ancient from modern pottery, depends on the accumulation of electrons in light-sensitive "traps" in crystals; heating above a threshold temperature empties the traps, and fresh electrons, derived from radioactive trace elements such as uranium in the parent material, then refill them. Since the rate of decay of such elements is known, measurement of the accumulated electrons by heating a sample in the laboratory gives the date

The method has also been applied to sediments exposed to light, which it was found "bleached out" the electrons in a similar way, and then buried so that they received no further exposure. Dr Ioannis Liritzis and Dr Rob-

The Rev Stephen Earley, Curate,

Stroud Holy Trinity (Gloucester), to be Associate Minister, Leck-

hampton St Philip and St James

with Cheltenham St James, with responsibility for St Christopher's,

The Rev Michael Foster, Vicar, Lydbrook (Gloucester), to be Rec-

tor, Winterton, Horsey, East and West Somerton and Hemsby

Warden Hill (same diocese).

Church news

ble, within the margin of ert Galloway at Edinburgh University then extended the error, with the known archaeological age," they say.
"Although the present eridea to the cut surfaces of ancient masonry, where blocks were set closely togethrors are large with respect to archaeological precision, this accuracy is still extremely

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er and sometimes sealed by mortar. Experiment showed that as little as 24 hours' exposure to ancient sunlight was sufficient to bleach electrons from calcite crystals in limestone masonry.

Dr Liritzis, now at the Academy of Athens, and his colleagues applied the method to two small pyramids in the Pelopponese, producing surprising dates in the mid-third millennium BC which created controversy (The Times, August I. 1997). Now, with the aid of a new team at the Université de Bordeaux III in Talence, he has confut-ed critics by successfully dating the Temple of Apollo to its previously known age.

Writing in the journal Geoarchaeology, Dr Liritzis' team detail the new control the pre-classical residual TL of the limestone, and then the "archaeological dose" of electrons accumulated since the temple's blocks were cut in the sixth century BC. "The obtained TL age of 420 BC, plus or minus 300 years is compati-

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The Rev Paul Ginever, Priest-in-Charge, Malvern Christ Church

(Worcester), to be Vicar, Hayling South St Mary (Portsmouth).

The Rev Jonathan Gordon, Team Vicar, Stoke-upon-Trent (Lich-

field), to be Chaplain, Southampton Institute of Higher Education.

The Rev Keith Hawkes, Rector,

Barningham, Blickling

The chronicles of written are limited;

minus 340 years.

useful for differentiating be-

tween periods of construction

that are far apart, or revising

established views based on

typology of finds or masonry

Dr Liritzis has also received

encouragement from two oth-

er sites, where he has ob-

tained samples from cut masonry surfaces sealed by

close juxtaposition or mortar.

at Amfissa in Greece a Classi-

cal fortification wall of the 5th

or 4th century BC was TL-dated to 450 BC plus or minus

200 years, and one of the

Bronze Age walls by Myce-

nae, with an archaeological estimate of 1280 BC, was

dated to 1110 BC, plus or.

of the structure".

bon dating cannot be used on stone. This newly developed chronicle of ancient soulight may well illuminate unexpected corners of the past. Source: Geoarchaeology 12,

No 5: 479-496.

The Rev Nigel Genders, Curate. Cockfosters Christ Church (London), to be Priest-in-Charge. Edgefield, Itteringham w Man-

nington, Oulton w Irmingland, Santhorpe w Corpusty, and Wick-mere w Wolterton (Norwich), to be Chaplain to th Bishop of Norwich. The Rev Di Hervey, Assistant Chaplain, University of St Andrew's, and NSM Central Fife Team, to be Associate Rector, Ulverston (Carlisle).

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### Dinners

Viscount Dunrossi The Premier of Bermuda was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Bermuda Society held last night at the House of Lords. Viscount Dunrossil was the host.

The Pilgrips

The American Ambassador, Mr Philip Lader, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner given by The Pilgrims last night at the Savoy Hotel: Lord Carrington, KG, CH, president, welcomed Mr Lader. Mr Robert Worcester, chairman, also spoke. Among others present were:

Mrs Lader, Viscount and Viscount ess Montgomery of Alamein, the Right Rev R D Say, Lady Carrington, Lord Hacking, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lady Reigan, Lord Stynn of Hadley, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Barry and Mrs McFadzean, the Hon Lady de

Sir Cecil and Lady Burney, Sir Sir Ceri ann Lady Burney, Sir Antony and Lady Harvie-Watt, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Sir Stephen Barrett, Sir William and Lady Benyon, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubit, Sir Alan and Lady Dawry, Sir Cheitenber and Lady Pawry. Sir Christopher and Lady French. Sir Philip and Lady Goodhart, Sir Brian Goswell, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh, Sir Michael Marshall. Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Sir Idris Pearce, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Barry and Lady Sheen, Sir Str Barry and Lady Sheen, Sir William van Strauberzee, Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, Mr Charles Anson, Mr and Mrs Peter Barton, Mr Robin Berrington, Mr Robert A Bradtke, Mr John Fingleton, Mr and Mrs Anthony Hyde, Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, Mr and Mrs J Watsyn Lavie Misses Canada and Mrs J. Lewis, Major-General and Mrs G H Mills, Mr and Mrs Giles Shepard, Mr and Mrs Robert L Sigmon, and Mrs Robert M

#### Reception

British Maritime Charitable

Counters Mountbatten of Burma Honorary President of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation, presented the 1997 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award at a reception held yesterday on board HMY Britannia to Mr. Michael Grey, Editor of Lloyds List International Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal was the host The Award sponsors, including The Daily Telegraph, senior nav: officers and members of the media and the maritime industries were

#### Lecture

ISVA/Hamptons Interna Sir John Hall, Chairman of Newcastle Football Club, delivered the Hamptons Lecture yesterday at the ISVA. The Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers in conjunction with Hamotons International. The title of the Lecture was Sport and Leisure in Regional Leisure in

# Forthcoming f marriages

Mr S. Biswa and Miss S.A.S. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Sanjoy, son of Dr and Mrs B. Biswas, of Calcutta. and Siobhan, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J.S. Rogers, of Pampisford, Cambridge.

Mr T.F.G. Clarke and Miss B.A.M. Conningham The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr John Clarke and Mrs Ann Clarke, both formerly of Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset, and Bridget, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cumingham, of Salthill, Galway. Mr R. Cliff

and Miss J.A. Raddiffe The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Cliff, of Aberford, Yorkshire, and Jacqueline Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Radcliffe, of Epperstone,

Nottinghamshi Mr G.E. Jessel and Miss D.LV. Naish

The engagement is amounced between George, elder son of Sir Charles Jessel. Bt, and the late Lady Jessel, of Hastingleigh, Kent, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Captain A.J.B. Naish, CBE, RN, and Mrs Naish, of Ditteridge,

Wiltshire. Mr G.G.O. Osborne and the Hon Frances Howell The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Sir Peter Osborne, Bt, and Lady Osborne, and Frances, daughter of

Lord and Lady Howell Mr F.M.E. Shippan and Miss C.J. Davies

The engagement is announced between Frank, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Shippam, of Heydon, Norfolk, and Christine, daughter of Mr John Davies, of Liverpool, and Mrs Jennifer Davies, of Meols, Wirral.

Mr G.R. Starbuck and Miss F.E. Skels The éngagement is announced etween Gareth Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Starbuck, of Trowell, Nottinghamshire, and Fiona Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Skelston, of Stanton-

Marriage

by-Dale, Derbyshire.

Mr R.C. Wilson and Miss J.L. Alexander The marriage took place on Sat-urday, in Finchley, North London, of Mr Richard Curver Wilson, son of Mr Moses Wilson and the late Mrs Ada Wilson, of Guyana. South America, to Miss Juliet Alexander, daughter of Mr George Alexander and the late Mrs Joyce Alexander, also of Guyana, South

Latest wills

Sydney Charles Ellis, of Wedmore, comerset, left estate valued at £2,163:691 net. Mary Ellen Schettler, of Leeds, left

architect, Paris, 1806; Franz Schu-

bert, composer, Vienna, 1828; Fitz-Greene Halleck, poet, Guilford.

Connecticut, 1867; Sir William

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Charles I, reigned 1625-49, Dunfermline, 1600; Eustache Le Sueur, painter, 1616; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1770; Vicomte Ferdinand de Lesseps, promoter of the Soez Canal, Versailles, 1805; James Garfield, 20th American President 1881, Orange, Ohio, 1831; Amon Walbrook, Austrian actor, 1900; Tommy Dorsey, trombonist and bandleader, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, 1905; Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84, Allahabad, 1917. DEATHS: Nicolas Poussin.

patriot, committed suicide, Dub-lin, 1798; Claude-Nicolas Ledoux,

1883: Edward Tolman, psycholo-gist. Berkeley, California, 1959; Elizabeth Taylor, novelist, 1975; Sir Basil Spence, architect, Eye, Sufpainter, Rome, 1665; Thomas Shadwell, dramatist, London.

1692: Theobold Wolfe Tone, Irish

Lord Termyson became Poet Laureate, 1850. President Lincoln delivered a speech at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, saying "... government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth", 1863.

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MOLIRA - Colebrating the birth

MOURA - Celebrating the birth of their special daughter, Softs Amalia, on 16th November 1997, Alison (see Heys) and Robert thank the staff of the IVF team at the Lister Hospital and the midwives at Newham General Hospital.

POWERS - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Emilie and Richard, a son, William, a brother for

BIRTHS DEATHS HASZLAKIEWICZ - On 17th November, Jane (St.Clair Roberts) aged 45. Reloved wife of Mark and mother of Georgina, Ian and Alandar, much loved and loving

Maguinness - On Manday
17th November 1997, John
Anthony, Suddenly after a
very short illness at the
Royal Sussex County
Hospital, Beighton, Fortified
by the Rites of the Catholic
Church, Beloved husband of
Enthleen, Sadly missed by
his relatives and many
friends, RIF, Requien Mase
at 12 noon on Friday 21st
November at the Church of
the Sacred Heart, Norton
Road, Hove, All enquiries to
Attree & Kent Ltd., 108
Church Road, Hove, Tel:
01273 821985. daughter of David and Betsy and devoted sister of John. A service of thanksgiving will take place at St Peter's HOWARD - On November 17th Edward William Eliot aged 23 died in Lincoln, beloved Edward William Ellot aged 23 died in Lincoln, beloved son of Devid and Bosalind and brother of Tanesyn of Galval, Cornwall. Frivate funeral service. Service of Tanaksqiving at Gulval Parish Church on Friday 28th November at 230 pm. Douations to E.N.L.I. and Gulval Parish Church.

wormshi - Un November 16th John (formerly of The Berbican, London), Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, Holt, Norfolk, Teb (01263) 711992.

JACOMB-PARISH CRUMEN.
JACOMB-HOOD-On November
16th Pattenne (note Allsop),
beloved wife of the late John
and much loved mother,
grandmother, auat and
friend. Thanksgiving Service
at Aldeburgh Parish Church
on Priday November 28th at
3 pm. No flowers please.

3 pm. No Howers please.

LAMBERT - Jean (HE) Isobel
died peacefully on
November 16th, aged 92, at
Isom House, Tethnir, Chos.
Seloved wife of the late
Roper Tube Lambert Funeral
on Saturday 22nd November
at 2 pm at 5s Peter & Pani
Church, Peasmorsh, Hye,
Family flowers only, but
donations, if wished,
payable to the Kenya Society
may be sent to J. Pengos &
Sou, The Duka, Beckler, Ny,
Last Sussex, TR31 6KE Tel.
(01797) 260316.

MeCARTRY, Indu Provens of

(01797) 260316.

McCATIMY - John Francis of Styvechale, Coventry on Friday November 14th 1997.

Much loved husband of Ivy, father of David and grandfather to Gavin and Micheles. Reception into St. Thomas Mose's EC. Church, Watercall Avenue, Styvechale on Thursday November 20th at 7.25 pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 11am followed by cremation at Canley Grematorium, Camon Hill Chapel, Family Rovers only, but donations if withed made psyable to CAFOD c/o Grimmett & Timus Funeral Directors, 116 Albany Road, Enrisdon, Coventry CV6 9NG, tel: 01203 674746.

PAUL - On November 15th 1997 suddenly und pencefully, Cathie. Adored mother of Elizabath. Margaret, Fism and Camffla, and much leved companion of Michael. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crimitochims, 10.30 am. Eriday 21st November 1997. Enquises to J.H. Kanyon, tel: 937 0757-0372.

PETRIE - On 16th Movember,
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Alison Panemi at Randelis
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24th November et 1230 pm.
Family flowers only.

PHIPPS - Joan, LS.O. in hospital after a short illness on 16th. November. Beloved wife of the late David, dearly loved by all who knew her. Her Cabin'd' ample spirit, it flutter'd and fail'd for heach'. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crainstorium Expansité. New Southgare Creinatorium, Brunswick Park Road, at 12:30 pm on Tuesday November 25th, 1997. Panily Howars only preferred. Donations to Diabetic Association, eta Blake & Horiock, 27 Silver Street, Bulleki, ENI 3EF. QUIRK - John Kenneth suddenly on 13th November 1997, husband of Barbara, formatly of Amersham and Wendover, Service at S Andrew's Church, Cherkensond

RUITERFORD - Varma on 14th November aged 86 years, peacefully at Pirton Hall Nursing Home, near Hitchin, after a short illness. Formerly of Guildford, Widow of Colin and much loved mother of Tests. Will be greatly missed. Funeral at the Watts Cemetery, Compton, at 11.30 am on Priday 21st November. SAVELLE - George Walton

MAMALE - George Walton of Houghton-on-the-Hill. Leicestershire, beloved hushand of the late Era, passed away peacefully at home on 16th November. He will be sadly missed by sister Maud and family. Funeral Service at St. Catharine's Church, Houghton-on-the-Hill, on Friday 21st November at 2.36 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only please. Donations if enterment hanny mowers only please Donations if desired to LOROS or Imperial Cancer Research c/o Aj. Adkiason & Son Faneral Directors, 12 London Road, Oathy, Leics, LEZ 5DG, mr. (0116) 2712340.

MMAW - Margaret Louise (nies Stoseham). Died peacefully on Rosember 17th at HRE Princesz Christian's Hospital, Windsor, Reinved wife of John, mother of Nicholas, Simen, Juny and Alex. Formerly of South Knighton, Devon Service 2t St Michael the Archanget, Wanfield, Benks, on Tuesday November 25th at 12 noon, following private cremation. All enquiries to Lines Bannister FID Assot (01244) 20266.

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WHIGHSOM - Saddeniy in Hamilton, Bemmuda on 9th November, David Edward CSE, beloved hasband of Ahn, devoted father of Linda and son-in-law Scott and much lowed grandfather of Natscha, Justine and Oliver, Formerly a long serving Homber of the House of Assembly retiring as Speaker in 1993. The funcal was hald on 14th Rovember in Holy Trinity Church, Hamilton Parish.

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# AIR COMMANDANT DAME JEAN CONAN DOYLE

Air Commandant Dame Jean Conan Doyle, DBE, (Lady Bromet), Director of the Women's Royal Air Force, 1963-66, and daughter of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, died yesterday aged 84. She was born on December 21, 1912.

ame Jean Conan Doyle shared her father's taste for action and was thankful that she had had time for her own career before she succeeded to the onerous task of administering copyrights on Sir Arthur's works after her brother Adrian's death in 1971.

Sometimes it seemed as if the problems she had protecting Sir Arthur's best-known character, Sherlock Holmes, exhausted even her boundless reserves of patience. "I occasionally feel, as my father did. that if anyone else says 'Sherlock Holmes' to me, I'll scream, she once said. "I know exactly how he felt when he finally pushed him off the Reichenbach Falls."

Jean Lena Annette Conan Doyle was educated at Granville House, Eastbourne. Her father, failing to foresee her future, once protested to her headmistress that it was useless for her to study Caesar's Gallic Wars because it was highly unlikely that she would ever be concerned with mili-

tary matters. With two older brothers, she grew up a tomboy, required to take her turn in the cricket nets, and was known as Billy to avoid confusion with her mother, Jean. She was how-

Charles Kennedy,

Professor of Economic Theory at the University of Kent, 1966-70,

died on November 4.

aged 74. He was born on

February 9, 1923.

CHARLES KENNEDY was

among the foremost economic

ever, the most bookish of Sir Arthur's three children, and the only one permitted to enter his study while he was working. She remembered sitting in a big red leather chair next to the fireplace, listening to the sound of his nib rushing with hardly a panse across page

after page. Her father took her with him on his tours of America. Australia and South Africa. She recalled that he shouled at her only once - for walking noisily across a parquet floor and then immediately asked. her forgiveness. She was the product of Sir

Arthur's second marriage, to Jean Leckie, with whom he had fallen in love as his first wife, Louise, died a long, lingering death from tubercu-losis. Sir Arthur behaved impeccably as Louise fought her illness for almost ten years. and it was only a year after her death that he permitted himself to marry Miss Leckie. There is no question that his sense of personal honour, sacrifice and propriety made a profound impression upon his daughter.

died in 1930, and, after staying on at the family home in Sussex to look after her heartbroken mother, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service in 1938. She was commissioned into the WAAF in 1940. For a short period during the Battle of Britain, she served at Hawkinge, then a radar station. In 1942, she was appointed WAAF staff officer at HQ No 9 Group in Lancashire, and, in 1943, she served at HQ, Fight-

er Command, and in 1943-45

Jean was 17 when her father



ern Ireland.

She was the postwar WRAF's administrative officer at HQ, Technical Training Command, from May 1962, having been deputy director of the WRAF at the Air Ministry for two years. She was appointed to a directorship of the WRAF in 1963.

She was sometimes compared to Joyce Grenfell for the good name that she became

PROFESSOR CHARLES KENNEDY

best known to the public. The copyright on her father's works ran out in Britain on the 50th anniversary of his death, in 1980 (though it has lately been revived under EU rules); but under American law the estate was entitled to 70 years' copyright from the date of each publication.

She realised that this was enough to enable her to preserve the true character of Sherlock Holmes, since all major books and films depended on the American market. She acquired an American-based agent and a

group of experts in her father's

works to read new manuscripts and keep an eye out for any unauthorised endeavours. In 1988, she unexpectedly withdrew permission from an acknowledged expert on

Holmes, Michael Hardwick,

who had been publishing new adventures about the detective, saying that she wished people to read her father's original works instead.

In Britain, although she had no legal powers after the copyright had ended, she frequently reprimanded writers and film-makers who she felt had not been true to the spirit of her father's works, and her name became very familiar to the readers of the letters columns in national news-

She took particular exception to the bizarre 1976 film The Seven Per Cent Solution, which had Nicol Williamson as Holmes seeking psychiatric counselling from Professor Freud. She was also infuriated by posters featuring two nude girls used to advertise a film version of Brigadier Gerard. which she said would have horrified her father, whose "prounounced sense of chivalry towards women was well known".

She saw considerable merit, however, in Jeremy Brent's performance as Holmes in The Secret of Sherlock Holmes at the Wyndhams Theatre and later in the television series he made. She wrote to the actor saying that he had correctly discerned that the secret of playing Holmes was to recognise his cold, un-

emotional centre. Somewhat sacrilegiously, she admitted late in life that she admired other characters whom her father had created, such as Brigadier Gerard and Professor Challenger, every bit as much as Holmes, if not more. She always said that her father's name mattered far more to her than any of the characters he created, and it was her sense of loyalty to him - rather than to the characters - that made her take her role

so seriously. Her father's portrait dominated the drawing room of her home in Chelsea and one of her most treasured possessions was her father's copy of the Holmes adventure A Study

in Scarlet. In 1955, she had the sensitive task of overseeing the transfer of the remains of both her parents from the grounds of their Sussex home to Minstead churchyard in the New Forest, where her father had written The White

She shared her father's belief in spiritualism, and, al-though she claimed to have once made contact with him through a medium, she resisted the temptation to do so again. "Life is for living," she explained. "My father taught me that you've got to stand on your own two feet."

She served as honorary ADC to the Queen from 1963 to 1966, a role she carried out with such discretion that the first most of her friends knew of it was when she made reference to it in her entry in Who's Who. She was appointed OBE in 1948 and advanced to DBE in 1963.

She married Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet in 1965 when she was 52 and he 73, but out of deference to her father she reverted to the Conan Doyle name following

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theoreticians of his generation, and at a relatively young age made major contributions to welfare economics, monetary theory, open economy macroeconomics, capital and growth theory, and the theory of technical progress. In the 1950s he was one of a group of brilliant economists in Oxford including Sir Roy Harrod, Sir John Hicks and Ian Little. whom he inspired and was himself inspired by.

Kennedy's gifts were a deen intuition and insight into the nature of economic processes and behaviour, and the ability to express his insights in a lucid and rigorous way. He did not find writing easy, and sometimes his intuition was ahead of his understanding (a characteristic of many fine economists), but the end result was a clutch of pioneering papers in the top professional journals, all elegantly and concisely written. His 1964 paper on "Induced Bias in innovation and the Theory of Distribution" will be one of



his lasting legacies. Every growth theorist knows Kennedy's invention of the "innovation possibility frontier" and the concept of Kennedy techni-

Charles Marius Kennedy was the youngest of five sons in an artistic and musical family living in London but with strong roots in Donegal and Cornwall. Both of his grandfathers were painters: Charles Napier Kennedy was a wellknown portrait painter, while Thomas Millie Dow, one of the "Glasgow Boys", was a founder of the St Ives School. His father, George Kennedy, who mixed with the Bloomsbury Group, was John Maynard Keynes's favourite. architect, and designed the Cambridge Arts Theatre and a number of buildings in Ox-

The young Kennedy was one of the earliest pupils at the new school established by Hahn at Gordonstoun, where Prince Philip was a fellow pupil. There he enjoyed the

ford and Cambridge colleges.

In 1940, at the age of 17, he went up to Oxford to read PPE at Balliol, where, under the tutorship of Thomas Balogh, he graduated with a first in two years. In 1942 he was selected to work under Lord Cherwell in the Prime Minister's statistical section of the Cabinet Office. In 1944, he joined the Merchant Navy and played a part in the

way that she tackled her duties

with cheerful good humour,

resilience and optimism. An

undoubted workaholic, she often worked long into the night and admitted she had

turned down several propos-

als of marriage because of her commitment to the people who

It was, however, as a dough-

ty champion of her father's

worked for her.

Normandy landings. His first academic post was as assistant lecturer in econormes at University Colle London in 1946, before his return to Oxford in 1947. From 1950 to 1961 he was a fellow of Queen's and a university lecturer.

At Oxford he worked mainly on topics in monetary theory and welfare economics, though he showed early signs. of interest in growth economics and technical progress which were later to make his name and establish his authority. He will be remembered most in this period for his incisive contributions to the then fashionable field of welfare economics.

In 1959 his life changed dramatically when he met and married Ann Cullis, a research chemist working in

outdoor activities and learnt the cello: playing chamber music was to be a source of pleasure throughout his life.

Cambridge on the structure of haemoglobin. In 1961 the couple left Oxford for the University of the West Indies. where Kennedy had been appointed to a chair. Three sons and a daughter were born in quick succession, and Kennedy's productivity as an economist also flourished, with a spate of papers on technical progress, investment and growth, as well as new work in the field of open economy macroeconomics. He also became a director of the Bank of

Jamaica. Meanwhile in Britain the new universities were being established, and Kenne attracted to the foundation chair of economic theory at the University of Kent at Canterbury, which he took up in 1966. The university is collegebased, and this suited Kennedy's Oxford style. He loved the Eliot College Senior Common Room and the small group teaching at which he excelled, but was not so happy in the big lecture theatre. He was too shy to captivate large student audiences, and it was partly this unease which induced him to take early retirement in 1970. A healthy

tion were also factors. His intellectual interests also changed. Disillusioned with the direction in which mainstream macroeconomics seemed to be going, he took refuge in business finance, especially the theory of options, warrants and convertibles. He was particularly appreciated by family and friends for his investment knowledge and expertise, which he always gave generously, and over many years he gave valuable financial advice to the University of Kent, which awarded him an honor-

disdain for bureaucracy and

his dislike of petty administra-

ary degree in 1984. Kennedy inherited many of the artistic traits of his father and grandfather. He had a Bloomsbury demeanour and was an enthusiastic amateur painter. His early retirement gave him more time to enjoy his growing family and the opportunity to indulge his love of painting, gardening and travel. He is survived by his wife and four children.

SLAVERY

[It appears that the slave, Jean Pierre,

had frequently absconded from the

plantation to which he belonged, and

had been more than once punished by

The police by whom Jean Pierre was

arrested recommended that he should be

put into a place of safety, and that his

master should immediately apply, on

account of the turbulent indiscipline of

his negro, for permission to transport

him from the colony. He was placed by

the orders of his master in a closed cell.

and attached to the bedstead in such a

way that he could neither stand nor lie,

his legs being placed in an instrument of

torture, called the barre, and his arms

In this situation Amé Noel and his

mistress twice visited him, and beat him cruelly with sticks. Jean Pierre had

become so ill that his keeper informed

his master of the state of the prisoner.

but was inhumanly told not to relax the

rigour of his treatment, and to give him a

glass of rum in order to increase his

drawn up by a rope towards the roof.

his master, Amé Noel.]

# LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN STRICKLAND

Lieutenant-Colonel John Strickland, MC, former Gorkha commander, died on October 22 aged 87. He was born on November 15, 1909.

JOHN STRICKLAND won his Military Cross when commanding "A" Company of the 2nd/4th The Prince of Wales's Own Gurkha Rifles in 1937 in Waziristan. At this time the "elusive troublemonger", the Fagir of Ipi, had worked up the Tori Khel and neighbour-

tribes to action On May 12, 1937, having beaten off a sudden attack during a rainstorm, Strickland was ordered to capture two positions from which the tribesmen were pouring fire onto the 21st Punjabis and the 4th Gurkhas. Leading his company with great dash and gallantry, he seized Sangor Hill with only one casualty, and then carried on the momentum to overwhelm the second position.

Strickland had joined the 2nd Battalion via Sandhurst. After a period as the first adjutant of the new Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun, he returned to command "A" Company in the fighting against the Vichy French in Iraq and Syria in May 1941. The battalion was then posted to North Africa, and in June 1942 engaged in the defence of Bir Hacheim in Libya and the disastrous Battle of the Cauldron.

On June 3 Strickland was wounded by artillery fire, so luckily he was not present when the whole of what was left of the battalion was encircled by Rommel's troops three days later. Another two years as second-in-command followed, with many actions in Italy through to Perugia and Assisi, before he departed for Burma and the 4th Battalion.

Initially as second-in-command and then as commanding officer, he saw through the decisive battles for the taking of Mandalay Hill, and the final advance down the Mawchi Road in June 1945, when the battalion faced some of the toughest fighting of the entire



Burma campaign. For this battle Strickland was mentioned in dispatches. During 1946 he was in

temporary command of 98th Infantry Brigade, before the battalion returned to India for disbandment in October. One the Mandalay Pagoda Bell. John Strickland was born

in India, but the family returned to England after the death of his father from wounds sustained as an infantry officer in 1917. One of his mother's ancestors was Colonel John Vera O'Sullivan, who served Bonnie Prince Charlie in the '45 rebellion. His mother was totally engrossed by her Roman Catholic faith, and this prompted her to send her eldest son to a monastery in Ireland when he was 14. Finding the life uncongenial, he leapt over the wall, returning to England and Peter Symonds School in Winchester for a year. He spent another year working at Ideal Films before volunteering, underage, for the Rifle Brigade in India. The commanding officer, Colonel later General Renton, persuaded him that

task remained. Strickland, accompanied by the two subadars (junior commissioned officers), visited the hermit of Mandalay Hill, who presented the battalion with

he should go to Sandhurst. This began a number of

surprise encounters with his

had not maintained contact with his family, so when the younger Strickland passed into Sandhurst in 1932 he was taken aback to find his brother in the senior term. The younger Strickland was also commissioned for service in India, but resigned in 1935 over debts at cards. After some time in Sudan and two years as a doorman in Paris, he saw war coming and enlisted in the Royal Tank Corps. Nine years later, the two brothers met again by chance in 1944 in Italy. This time the older man was surprised to find that his younger brother was now a lieutenant-colonel.

younger brother, B. V. M. Strickland. The elder brother

For John Strickland, the partition of India brought the old life to an end. Returning to England in 1947 he tried the RAF Regiment and visited Rhodesia and then jumped at the chance to return to Pakistan for three years as an area commander. Returning to England finally in 1953, he became the managing clerk for a large chamber of barristers in Southampton, where he continued for nearly 25 years. But he regularly attended the annual reunions of the 4th Gurkhas at Stoke Poges.

He is survived by his wife. Alison, whom he married in 1944, when she was an officer in the WAAF, and their three

# PERSONAL COLUMN



# ON THIS DAY November 19, 1839

**继续推到途** 

Although the master of 500 slaves got off lightly on a charge of murdering one of them, the Governor of the French colony of Guadeloupe expressed the indigna-

tion of "all impartial men in the colony". torments. After five days' suffering not to be described, and during the whole of which time the poor slave could not

move a muscle of his body, death came to his relief.

Proceedings on a charge of murder were taken against Amé Noel. The tribunal was composed of the president and two councillors. The assessors, on whose decision the fate of the prisoners depended, were four in number, all slave-owners themselves, and living in the same district as the accused. Amé,

who is 72 years of age, and partly of negro origin, but one of the richest colonists in Guadeloupe, treated the proceedings with great levity, and seemed astonished that his right to do as he pleased with his own should be disputed.

The Procureur-General pressed hard for a conviction. The counsel for the prisoners, however, contended that they had not exceeded the law in the punishment of their victim, and called upon the assessors to believe the statement of Amé Noel, who, though he confessed to having inflicted torture, denied having had the intention of taking away life. When the trial, which lasted five days, was over, the assessors returned a verdict of "acquittal" on the charge of murder, and merely imposed a fine of 300f, for an infringement of article 358 of the penal code in the treatment of his slave!

When the verdict was delivered, loud shouts of 'Bravo' were uttered in the hall of the Court of Assizes, which was filled

#### Luxor victims included family

Three generations of a single family were among the British victims of the Luxor massacre, it emerged yesterday as the full extent of the Islamic terrorists' brutality in killing 58 foreign tourists became clear.

Shaunnah Turner, five, her mother Karina and grandmother Joan, from Rippondon. West Yorkshire, were on the third day of their holiday when they were murdered outside the ... Pages 1, 2, 3, 22 Temple of Queen Hatshepsut...

#### Royal Flight plane in emergency

A BAe 146 of the Royal Flight made an emergency landing at Stansted when three out of its four engines broke down after a catastrophic fall in oil pressure. A senior RAF instructor was on board with a trainee captain. The Duke of York had travelled on the same aircraft only a few days earlier....

#### iraq crisis plan

Russia said it had worked out a plan to bring a peaceful end to the crisis between Iraq and the UN after talks between President Boris Yeltsin and a senior Iraqi ... Pages 1, 16, 23 official \_\_\_\_ **Crowned heads** 

# There will be as many crowned

heads at the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's golden wedding thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey tomorrow as there were at their marriage service ..... Page 5 Officer was 'lap dog'

An RAF officer became the "lap dog" of his Serbian interpreter after she manipulated him with sexual favours during his tour as a military observer in Bosnia, a

#### ....Page 6 Kate murder suspect

court was told.....

covered in blood was seen running from fields where the body of the murdered schoolgirl Kate Bushell was found..... ....Page 8

#### Le Blob galaxy

British astronomers have named a newly discovered galaxy 10 million light years from Earth Le Blob, in celebration of two French

#### Waiting for a bed

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Hospital waiting lists in England are growing by a thousand patients a week, forcing the Government to modify its election pledge 

#### Tough on crime

The public strongly supported the tough crime policies initiated by the last Home Secretary at the same time as developing profound suspicions about the legal ... Page II

#### Widdecombe quits

The Tory MP Ann Widdecombe resigned from the Standards and Privileges Committee in protest at its handling of the Neil Hamilton affair. She said its procedures were a shambles.....

Solicitor lied, jury told A solicitor for the Crown Prosecution Service told "lie upon lie" to protect her policeman lover from

drink-driving charge after a

CID dinner-dance, an Old Bailey

#### jury was told ..... 26 die in bus plunge

A man who appeared to be A bus plunged off a bridge into a river in Delhi, killing 26 children and highlighting India's chronically bad standards of driving .... Page 17 and road safety.....

#### Berlin bomb trial

A trial in Berlin will focus on the role of Muammar Gaddafi as a sponsor of terrorism. Six people are accused of bombing a disco in

#### **Gay envoy blocked**

President Clinton's wish to appoint the first openly gay American ambassador hit a snag when Republicans in Congress objected to James Hormel......Page 19

26 Entertainer showing off round piano with little hesitation (3,6).

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28 Said to be chivalrous each time

Dangerous item in letter or packet? (4).

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#### Pop goes Tchaikovsky

The Manchester audience at a performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture in Manchester next week will be provided with paper bags to burst at the climax of the work. Timothy Reynish, the conductor, thinks cannon a costly luxury for a charity concert and he hopes that 4,000 bags will emulate the sound of the triumphant Russian guns ..

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The front at Lyme Regis being battered by waves early yesterday as high winds whipped up seas off west Dorset

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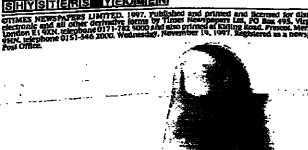
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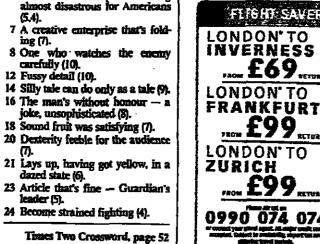
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spending so far this year has fallen 0.6 per cent from last year, compared with a full-year forecast of a 1.7 per cent rise.

The tax take also continued to improve, although economists noted the increase of 6.7 per cent so far this year is running below Treasury forecasts of an 8.1 per cent rise.

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Troubleshooter takes over top job

# Laura Ashley directors oust Iverson

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

By Jason Nisse

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**SECTION** 

THE 30-month reign of Ann Iverson as chief executive of Laura Ashley came to an abrupt end yesterday when she and James Walsh, the finance director, were ousted from the troubled clothes and furnishings seller.

Mis Iverson left the company immediately after being told on Monday night that she was being replaced as chief executive by David Hoare, the management consultant brought in to sort out the company's critical cash flow and stock supply problems.

sion and knows this is part of. the recovery plan," said Stephen Cox, the group's company secretary, yesterday. The situation as it stood was simply not acceptable."

After picking up more than C2.2 million in salary and bonus payments since she became chief executive in June 1995, Ms Iverson will receive £450,000 compensation for loss of office. Mr Walsh, who will stay

until a replacement is found, is entitled to a £300,000 pay off. Laura Ashley's critical financial problems, which have seen it plunge into losses, breach the covenants on its £50 million of loans and enter led by HSBC Holdings and Bank of Nova Scotia. The retailer's shares fell lp to 45p yesterday, having lost nearly four fifths of their value in a year and fallen 20 per cent



Thornton: public support

since Sir Bernard Ashley, husband of the founder, purchased 100,000 extra shares last month. He now controls 35.2 per cent of the shares.

The end for Ms Iverson came after two weeks of intensive meetings as Mr Hoare, who was brought in as chief operating officer in September, started implementing his plans to return the retailer to profitability.

The board's decision to get Ms iverson is delieved to have been unanimous. However, it is understood that John Thornton, the merchant banker Ms Iverson with other directors before Monday's meeting. This was despite Mr Thornton's public support of Ms lverson at the annual shareholders' meet-

ing in August.
Mr Thornton was behind

Hoare's consultancy com-pany, Tallisman Management, in the summer. Mr Thornton is understood to have asked a colleague whether the City considered the mess at Laura Ashley to be his fault. The answer was: "Not yet, but if you do not do

something soon it will be." Since Tallisman came in a catalogue of problems have emerged. These include failing to deliver popular lines to stores, supplying too much of slow selling products, inability to identify how much money is being made on many items and failing to keep track of the cash position.

However, the main source problems identified by Ilisman was the US, where Ms Iverson had embarked on an ambitious expansion plan. This has been stopped in its tracks. Laura Ashley has surrendered the leases on its new stores and is exploring whether it can sell the busin

Mr Hoare has decided to other initiatives, which include new ranges of home furnishings and clothing for next year. He is also trying to reduce the influence of the Ashley family on the company and is understood to have said he may quit if Sir Bernard, who is a non-executive director. interferes in day-to-day decision-making. City analysts said Mr Hoare is "a turnaround man" and is unlikely to stay at the helm long term.

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# **Beckett** blocks £365m disposal by Sears

By Chris Ayres

MARGARET BECKETT, the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday dealt a severe blow to Sears, by blocking the troubled retailer's £365 million sale of its Freemans mail order business to Littlewoods.

Sears immediately said it would seek grounds for a judicial review of Mrs Beckett's decision. The move sent its shares down 312p to 5412p.

The sale - which was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in April - was blocked on the grounds that it would give Littlewoods and Great Universal Stores, its main rival, more than 80 per cent of the agency mail order market.

Sears had agreed to sell the business for £365 million as part of its restructuring plan. The strategy, which aims to return cash to shareholders and includes selling its shoe business and demerging its Selfridges department store, will now have to be reviewed. Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, said: "We will retain Freemans and focus on continuing to improve its performance with the intention of demerging it within two years."

lan Cheshire, commercial director of Sears, would not rule out the possibility of a sale. However, N Brown, a previous bidder, said it would not raise its offer price, believed to have been less than £335 million.

The decision also came as a blow to Littlewoods, which had planned to use Freemans to boost its market share to about 25 per cent. But yesterday it attempted to shrug off the setback. "

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# Calling

Vodafone, Britain's largest mobile telephone group. stepped up the price war with its rivals by cutting charges free calls offered to its Page 28

#### Dairy battle

Northern Foods is determined to defend its share of the market in supplying milk to the main supermarket chains despite making little money from the business.

# Borrowing target to be revised down by Brown

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN is set to ing. Government department revise downwards the Government's borrowing target in next week's Pre-Budget Report after the latest figures showed the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) is on course to undershoot Trea-

The Treasury was able to make a net debt repayment of £5.7 billion in October, while the September PSBR was also revised downwards by £200 million to £2.9 billion. in the first seven months of

this financial year, government borrowing totalled £2.6 billion, compared with Q1.2 billion at the same time last year. Economists said the Government is likely to undershoot its current If forecast target of £10.9 billion by around £3 billion and will consequently revise its own forecast next month.

The improvement in the PSBR has been led by tight controls on government spendTHE Inland Revenue will

Simon Briscoe, director of

lose their allocations". Economists also gave warning that an undershoot may be harder to achieve next year, with tax receipts likely to slow

# Botnar tax decision due today

By Jason Nisse

learn today whether it has won £100 million in back taxes from charitable trusts controlled by Octav Botnar. the fugitive former Nissan UK chief.

The High Court ruling comes two weeks after the Revenue dropped its four-year prosecution of Mr Botnar for tax fraud, claiming the 84-year-old tycoon, who lives in Switzerland, was too ill to stand trial.

However, the Revenue is still pursuing Mr Botnar's charitable trusts for £68 million of tax plus interest of more than £30 million, claiming tax was payable because Mr Botnar could potentially have benefited from the trusts. Mr Botnar won the case before the Revenue's Special Commissioners last year but the Revenue appealed to the High Court on a legal technicality. Mr Botnar has vowed to go to the Court of Appeal if he loses today.

# Liddell threat to put mis-sellers out of business

By Caroline Merrell, Gavin Lumsden and Susan Emmett

THE Government threatened yesterday to sack senior life insurance executives and put their companies out of busi-ness if they fail to resolve the pensions mis-selling scandal. In her strongest action so far, Helen Liddell, the Eco-

nomic Secretary to the Trea-nomic Secretary to the Trea-sury. said: 'T seriously envisage a situation where companies are imperilled. If they do not get a move on they are in danger of being put out of business.

She went on: There is still a raft of companies that are walking away from this

More than 40 companies, including some of the UK's biggest life insurance firms. have been struggling to compensate hundreds of thousands of people who were encouraged to give up their rights to company schemes in favour of taking out personal pensions. The total compensa-

tion bill is expected to be well above £4 billion. Ms Liddell is becoming increasingly impatient with the insurance companies' lack of progress. Much of the mis-selling occurred at the end of the Eighties.

Not content with fining and publicly reprimanding firms, Ms Liddell said yesterday: "I will continue to look for ways to maximise pressure on the industry." She is particularly annoyed

with companies that seem to be using the review process as an excuse to sell more policies. The Economic Secretary added that one way the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) could take action against

senior executives is to exclude

them from the list of registered

individuals, which it is planning to introduce next year. The named individuals will then not be able work in the industry without the necessary authorisation.

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# Post Office seals Co-op Bank deal

By RICHARD MILES BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A LANDMARK agreement scaled yesterday by the Post Office and the Co-operative Bank has created Brit-ain's biggest network of banking

From next week, Co-op Bank cus tomers will be able to cash cheques and deposit funds at any of the Post Office's 15.500 outlets in England and Wales. Similar plans for Scotland are under

The nationwide roll out of the service comes after a 12-month trial at 1,500 post offices in northwest England.

North Wales and the Midlands. During the trial, the Co-op Bank logged an average of 25,000 transactions per month, two thirds of them deposits.

Stuart Sweetman, managing director of Post Office Counters, said that the agreement was non-exclusive and so would not interfere with a similar trial by Lloyds TSB, announced last month, or with the Post Office's relationship with Girobank, owned by

Alliance & Leicester. Mr Sweetman said that the Post Office would continue to extend its financial services by acting as a distributor for banks and insurers, following a --best-of-breed approach to partner-

have reached the limits on our arrangements with financial institutions. There are discussions going on with other institutions of varying sizes."
The Post Office will receive a fee for

each transaction carried out on behalf of the Co-op Bank. Boosting the current range of 171 services would enable the Post Office to save from closure many smaller outlets in which the postmaster is rewarded according to transaction levels, Mr Sweetman said.

Initially, only the one million customers holding a current account at the Co-op Bank will be permitted to use the service. However, Mervyn Pedelty, the

ships. He said: "We don't believe we bank's chief executive, did not rule out have reached the limits on our arcan offer our customers the biggest banking network in the UK," he said. The deal vastly increases the Co-op

Bank's scope to deal face to face with its customers, as 28 million people visit a post office each week. At present, the bank has fewer than 150 standalone branches, plus 200 banking points in Co-op stores and access to 14,000 Link automatic teller machines.

D Barclays Bank staff are to stage a one day strike on Christmas Eve in a dispute about the introduction of a performance-related pay scheme that unions say will lead to a pay freeze.



Peter Irvine is the author of Scotland the Best.







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# Saviour proved to be false prophet

appeared in Vogue magazine wearing a black leather coat (and little else), and crooning: "All those City guys love to think of me in black leather, so I may

as well live up to expectations." This presumption, if true, is the only thing to have lived up to expectations concerning Ms Iverson, who has finally been shown the door at Laura Ashley after 28 months at the helm. Lauded for her success in turning round Bhs and Mothercare, Michigan-born Ms lverson, 53, has singularly failed to impress, parting company with several top aides and presiding over three profit warnings this year alone.

Her reign will not be forgotten in a hurry. Ms Iverson was hailed as Laura Ashley's saviour when she swept back onto the British scene in July 1995. She

> By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

VODAFONE fired the first

salvo in a new price war in the

mobile phones market, cutting some tariffs up to 15 per cent. Chris Gent, chief executive, said that from January I

customers would get five more

minutes a month of free calls

with no increase in the rental. At the same time peak-rate call charges will be cut 12.5 per

cent and off-peak rates more than 15 per cent. The package of call charge reductions also includes a 20 per cent increase

in free calls for small business-

es and provision of interna-

tional calls at up to 20 per cent

cheaper than BT's rate card. This is a major revamp and

it should get the market going," said Mr Gent who

insisted that the price changes

were aimed primarily at increasing mobile's present 14

per cent penetration of the UK

population rather than the

company's rivals — Cellnet,

tors played down any sugges-tion that Vodafone's action would trigger a mobile phone

price war in the UK. Orange

said Vodafone's tariff changes

simply brought Vodafone's

charges down towards their

fone's 39 ner cent said: "We

existing levels.

Orange and One2One. Last night the rival operaJon Ashworth on how Ann Iverson failed to live up to expectations during her brief reign at Laura Ashley

Vodafone tariff cuts likely

to 'get the market going'

had returned to America a year earlier. after four successful years with Storehouse, but was tempted back with a performance-linked package worth

more than £5 million over three years. The eponymous Laura Ashley crafted her first prints on the kitchen table of her flat in Pimlico, central London, in 1953, and built a fortune on floral cotton and chintz. She died in September 1985 after falling down an unlit stairwell at her daughter's cottage in the Cotswolds. where the family had gathered to celebrate her 60th birthday.

The company went ahead with its greeted with near hysteria in the City, stock market flotation, coming to the

market in December 1985 in an issue that was 34 times oversubscribed. The shares soared to a 59p premium, touching 194p on the first day's trading. They closed at 45p yesterday. having slid steadily from a level of 207p

last December. Ms (verson arrived in the UK in early 1990, fresh from Bloomingdale's in New York, and lived up to expectations. She revived fortunes at Bhs and then put the "fun" back into Mothercare, with innovations such as talking trees and singing clocks. Her arrival at Laura Ashley was

nonsense manager with a proven track record. But the months that followed brought successive setbacks, culminating in the loss of three female aides and a crumbling share price. Ms Iverson came to be painted as a worksholic control freak, quick to take umbrage when her decisions were questioned. There was also talk of a rift with Sir Bernard Ashley, who speaks for just

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over 35 per cent of the shares. Today, Laura Ashley is again under new management, and Ms Iverson is facing an uncertain future. Like Liam Strong at Sears, she has discovered to her cost just how fickle a paramour the City can be. The prospect of a multimillion-pound pay-off should help to ease her embarrassment. It will certainly buy a few leather coats.

# C&W to create 1,000 customer service jobs

company, will today announce more than 1,000 new jobs to improve service in the cable communications industry. The new jobs will come mainly in Glasgow (700) and Manchester (200), where a further 150 telesales staff will be taken on.

The aim is to set up new regional customer service call centres. The cable industry has been criticised for poor levels of customer service: CWC, a group put together from Mercury Communications, Bell Cablemedia, Videorron and Nynex Communications, is spending about £50 million this year on improving customer service.

# Coal levy under fire

COAL industry campaigners seeking a levy on electricity bills to support the fuel were criticised by consumers yesterday. The Government was urged to ignore pleas for a levy to help coal, or for any other cause, such as energy efficiency. Yvonne Constance, head of the Electricity Consumers Committees, said: "Any coal levy, like all costs, hits lowest-income consumers hardest and we urge the Government to recognise this simple fact of life."

# **Brewer shows strength**

MANSFIELD BREWERY, the regional brewer and pub operator, overcame tough trading conditions to lift interim pre-tax profits 9.3 per cent to £11.5 million. Its managed estate lifted sales 7.4 per cent to £41.7 million, while turnover from its tenanted estate fell 2.6 per cent to £9.6 million. Turnover from brewing and brands was up 18.2 per cent at £36.8 million. Earnings per share advanced to 12.86p (11.6p) and an interim dividend of 2.35p (2.1p) will be paid on December 18.

### **BG** sells German assets

A CLEARANCE sale by BG of non-core businesses continued yesterday with the disposal of its German assets. The company sold all of its German business to Verbundnetz Gas of Leipzig in a deal that observers expect to exceed £80 million. BG, which runs Transco, the gas pipeline network, set out plans earlier this year to sell off periphery interests. Over the past few weeks it has sold its interests in the Irish Sea and a pipeline detection business.

# MGM sues rival studio

METRO-GOLDWYN-MEYER is suing Sony for \$150 million (£88 million) over the making of a rival James Bond film in an escalating row between the Hollywood studios. MGM lawyers have compiled a formidable legal arsenal in a Los Angeles court. including charges of copyright infringement, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of contract. The row springs from disputed rights to the 1965 Thunderball film. Sony declined to comment. (Bloomberg)



Chris Gent insists that the price changes are aimed primarily at increasing the market penetration of mobile phones

believe our existing tariffs are tion of Vodafone's Greek busiextremely competitive already and we have no plans to

Vodafone shares fell 1512p to 34112p yesterday. Orange fell

"We are delighted Vodafone is copying us," said one Orange executive. One2One said it was happy that its charges remained competitive. Cellnet which has 37 per cent of the market to Voda-

ness is excluded. Earnings per share rose 30

change our tariffs. per cent to 6.640 before exceptional reorganisation costs and investment disposals. The interim dividend rises to 2.71p The pricing initiative came a share from 2.36p.

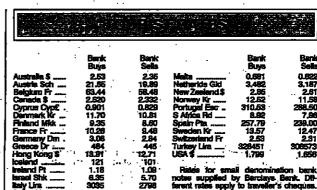
as Vodafone announced an 18 Vodafone's total customer per cent rise in pre-tax profit to E297.5 million in the half year base is now more than 4.6 million, taking account of to September 30. Turnover rose minority stakes, and there was 51 per cent to £1.16 billion — 32 a record increase of 585,000 in per cent when the consolidathe six months. Mr Gent said

yesterday that the new pricing plan would be revenue neutral if there was a 5 per cent increase in calls and a 5 per cent growth in subscribers. Even if that did not happen, Mr Gent said, "the payoff will

come in later years". Analysts are now looking for pre-tax profits of about £610 million for the full year. Vodafone also announcedyesterday the appointment of two new non-executive direc-

tors from next year — Alan Broers, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, and Sir David Scholey, senior adviser to SBC Warburg Dillon Read and a director of the Bank of England and a governor of the BBC.

They replace Sir William Barlow and Sir Robert Clark who both retire from the board at the end of March.



# De La Rue shares | Camelot hits rally after profit beats forecasts

By Adam Jones

SHARES in De La Rue, which lost their "go-go" status after banknote printing margins fell, rallied slightly yesterday after interim results exceeded the City's expectations.

De La Rue made profits of E56.3 million (E60.3 million) before tax in the six months to September 30.

The 1997 figures, however, would have been £64.9 million at constant exchange rates. De La Rue also absorbed a £1.7 million loss from the newly acquired Philips smartcard subsidiary. The shares closed at 410p, still adrift of their high of £10.52 in 1995 but up 12 2p on the day.

The profits include a £7.8 million contribution from Camelot, the lottery operator, up £700.000 on the same period last year. Total turnover fell 0.9

per cent to £378.4 million.

Jeremy Marshall, chief executive, said the manufacture of cash-handling equipment for banks is becoming an increasingly large activity for De La Rue, contributing about £6 million profit, with development spend running at about £18 million a year now. New products currently being tested by banks include cash recyclers, which allow tellers to feed money into the pool of cash that serves hole-

dent loan book.

ing the amount of working capital that sits idle in these automatic telling machines. He would not say whether margins in banknote printing

are stabilising after an overca-pacity-fuelled fall, although he did say rivals face higher labour costs that could constrain further competition. The security paper and print division's margin was 18.6 per cent in the interim period, down from 21.2 per cent in the first half of 1996.

De La Rue received negligible banknote business from Eastern European countries in the latest interim period. An interim dividend of 7.5p (7.5p) will be paid on January Tempus, page 30



# jackpot amid talk of rival

By Jon Ashworth

CAMELOT, the National Lottery operator, has turned in another bumper rise in profits, amid speculation that the Post Office may pitch for the lottery contract when it comes up for tender in 2001.

rose by 10.5 per cent, to £34.8 million, in the 24 weeks to September 13, in spite of a levelling in sales of Camelot Instants. Total sales climbed 17.2 per cent, to £2.45 billion, generating £696 million for good causes. A £20 million dividend is shared between the five Camelot shareholders - Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, GTech, ICL and Racal

The Post Office is the largest single National Lottery re-tailer, selling both on-line tickets and Instants through

# Camelot's pre-tax profits

its 19,000-plus outlets. It would face no restrictions in bidding for the lottery licence, which the Government would like to see in the hands of a non-profit operator. A Post Office spokesman said that it is constantly looking at new services and opportunities.
Camelot's sales were boosted by the mid-week lottery draw, begon in February. Profits after tax continued to represent just under 1 per cent of overall sales, at £23.9

# Four listed for loan book

By Richard Miles

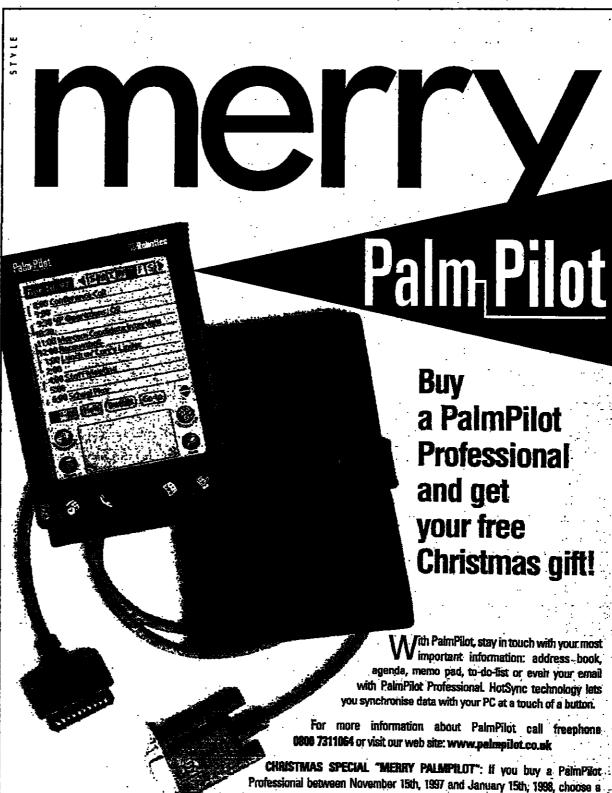
FOUR foreign banks are a consortium with Sallie Mae. among bidders shortlisted for the largest purchaser of stuthe controversial sale of the dent loans in the US. NM Rothschild, the adviser Government's £1.6 billion stu-

on the sale, said the successful bidder would pay the £1.6 billion face value of the loan The ten initial bidders have been whittled down to four, including Goldman Sachs, the book, but receive a Government subsidy to offset the shortfall between the interest US investment bank which has teamed up with Barclays, JP Morgan and UBS, the rate paid on student loans and a commercial rate.

Swiss giant, in parmership with NatWest Markets. Charles Keay, director of NM Rothschild, said the four The fourth bidder Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the investshortlisted groups would have ment banking arm of Germato provide bids by January 16, ny's biggest bank, has formed based on what level of Gov-

ernment subsidy they thought appropriate. The key to winning will be the ability to reduce this subsidy." He added that the Government intended to put a further £1.5 billion of student loans up for

sale in the next financial year. Bidders must also decide whether they would want to administer the loan book, pass on its management to a third party, or leave it with the Student Loans Company, A Bill currently before Parliament will allow more rigorous collection methods.



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grim tidings from the company.

But for corporate deal doers, the

decision will merit more than the

resigned sighs of the unfortunate

. If he really is serious about

making a play for National Westminster, then Barclays chief

executive, Martin Taylor, for one, will be paying attention to the ruling from Margaret Beckett. For if putting Freemans and Littlewoods together is deemed to

be against the public interest,

then merging two of the leading high street banks would be unlikely to win the approval of the President of the Board of

Trade, already living up to her

Together, Barclays and NatWest would have dominant positions in credit card issuing

and in providing banking for small businesses. While it is

arguable that the plethora of plastic now on offer should

lessen fears on the credit card

side, small businesses rarely feel

that their custom is genuinely sought after by newcomers to the banking scene. The Monopolies Commission, which found that

the increased concentration of

credit availability to less afluent

sections of society was sufficient

grounds for blocking the Free-

Mrs Blockit soubriquet.

Sears investors.

# Barclays can bank on Mrs Blockit

hareholders in Sears have become accustomed to disappointment. The news that they will not be allowed to offload their Freemans home shopping business to Littlewoods is merely the latest in a chain of prim tidings from the common to the common the common to the common that the mans deal, would surely sympathise with the plight of the struggling entrepreneur about to be deprived of a choice of bank

The chances are that the brainy Barclays chief executive has already taken account of the likely monopolies objection to a deal with NatWest, but sees no reason to quash the speculation. After all, the rash of stories about the potential deal has virtually erased comment on the bank's rather messy exit from parts of BZW at a bargain basement

Spin-doctoring is not merely the province of government, so one cannot blame the chaps at Barclays if they have chosen to give the odd surreptitious push to the NatWest story, whether or not it has any foundation. But if their ambitious really do lie in their ambitions really do lie in creating a high street banking giant, instead of pulling off a deal with an insurance company, as some predict, then they will, no doubt, be studying the Sears experience.

This was both time-consuming and disheartening. They had to demic economist from Oxford.

**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

Although talk of calling for a judicial review can be dismissed, the teams from Sears and Littlewoods did, apparently, feel that their arguments stood little chance of shifting the preconceptions of the committee. The chances of Mrs Blockit overruling the MMC's negative conclusion were non-existent, as became apparent vesterday

afternoon.
Mr Taylor will surely not want to risk a similar fate.

**Curtains for** Iverson & Co

t the beginning of this month, this column sug-A month, this community gested that those of a kindly disposition might rush out and buy a little something from Laura Ashley to help the of Monopolies Commission suade its bankers that it does members, chaired by an academic economist from Output

preserve the expensive contract of Ann Iverson, who tumbled through the Ashley revolving doors, substantially wealthier for her two-year spell with the company, but with her reput-

ation as a manager in shreds.

The chaos that she has created is now being tidied up by the former Bainer, David Hoare. Ashley watchers, however, wonder how long he will have before the irrascible Sir Bernard Ashley starts to withdraw support, as he has done with others who wanted to run the company in

their own ways. Sir Bernard has been much in evidence at Ashley HQ recently, charging around the place in proprietorial manner. He and his son, Nick, have both been involved with creating new ranges for the company but yesterday Nick was prepared to acknowledge his fears that his acknowledge his fears that his designs might never reach the

The company's future depends

on Hoare's ability to keep the banks on side. He is striving to keep costs down but the mess he has stepped into will need more drastic clearing up. In particular, Mrs Iverson's gamble on US expansion will have to be speedily unwound.

Many shareholders may won-der why, against this back-ground, they are being forced to pay out Mrs Iverson's contract: the business has as much need of the £450,000 as she does, and it would keep a fair number of loyal, but nervous, Ashley employees in work. Sir Bernard may not feel inclined to fight over the matter, since he was so enthusiastic about promoting the lady in the first place, but other investors should summon the courage to fight against reward-

ing incompetence.

The Japanese investors who have seen the value of their shareholding decimated might be expected to offer another route for executives whose efforts have

created such disarray. Whether on choosing key members of her team, promoting the company or ensuring that it functioned prop-erly, Mrs Iverson failed to deliver. John Thornton, the Goldman Sachs banker who now chairs the company, gave her his full support. His glossy reputation is also looking

#### Energis on the right lines

t first glance, next month's float of Energis does not La generate extreme excitement. Granted it was pretty smart of the National Grid to hang telephone lines from electricity pylons but the result-ing service is only aimed at the business market and individual

consumers are hardly affected. But Energis is worth more than a second look, particularly if the offer — 250p to 325p, valuing the company at £815 million to £962 million — should seem likely to come out at the lower end of the price range thanks to the current tricky market conditions.

Because of an accident of timing, Energis was able to

install a state-of-the art, highly automated network in only 18 months. It would be very difficult for anyone else to replicate such a network at anything like a comparable price. As conventional voice telephony becomes more and more a commodity, Energis is well positioned to offer highmargin, sophisticated telecommunications services while being almost a "virtual company". The company has little more than 700 employees and more than 40 per cent of those are in marketing,

sales and customer service. If Energis really was to start giving BT a run for its money in the corporate sector — and it has already signed up customers of the calibre of Boots, Microsoft and the BBC — then a valuation at more than £900 million would not seem completely outrageous. This offshoot of the National Grid could prove to be a turn-on

#### Liddell do they know

HELEN LIDDELL, the Treasury Secretary who might have driven herself hoarse, so much naming and shaming has she done, is reaching screaming pitch. Realising that the bosses of the financial institutions seem remarkably unperturbed by her behaviour, she is now aiming to have individuals consigned to the stocks, with rotten tomatoes laid on. A public flogging for those who mis-flog cannot be far

# **BOC** expecting early completion of Ohmeda sale

By Paul Durman

per cent stake in the new

group, and will agree not to

sell any shares until 1998's

end-of-year results are an-

nounced. Existing shares.

The enlarged group will de-

cide on a new name in the new year and will be run by the existing board of Taylor

Nelson and the three most

senior Sofres directors. How-

ever. John Treasure, chair-

man of Taylor Nelson, will

retire on completion of the

merger and be replaced by Tony Cowling, current chief

executive of Taylor Nelson.

Mr Weill, the president of

Sofres who will become the

enlarged group's managing-director, said: "The two com-

panies are a near perfect fit. There is little overlap either

geographically or in our individual businesses, which

nakes us ideal partners." Taylor Nelson forecast are-tax profits of £11 million

r 1997, against £7.5 million

in the previous year, while

Sofres expects profits of £12

1 9 BOC GROUP, the industrial gases company, said that it expects to sell its healthcare business "in the near future", although due diligence inquiries are continuing four months after Ohmeda was put

up for sale. Tony Isaac, finance director. said BOC expects firm bids hext month. It has been suggested Ohmeda may fetch simplify customer relationabout £1 billion, although profits have been in decline since its main anaesthetic gas lost patent protection five years ago. They fell a further 7 provided about £200 million of

TAYLOR NELSON AGB yesterday became the fourth-

largest market research

company in the world by

acquiring Sofres of France for a total of £137 million.

funded through a four-for-nine rights issue of 60p per share which will raise about

E59 million. The largest shareholder in Sofres,

Fimalac Communication,

will pay £28 million for an ll

The deal will be partly

**Taylor Nelson** 

pays £137m

for French rival

per cent, to £44.5 million, in Edwards's £367 million of the year to September 30. annual sales. Mr Rosenkranz BOC also announced it is said there were no plans to sell combining the part of Ed-**BOC Coating Technology and** wards that supplies vacuum **BOC** Edwards Calumatic, pumps to the semiconductor which make up the rest of the vacuum division.

industry with the gases busi-The strength of the pound restricted BOC's group pre-tax ness that deals with the same customers. Danny Rosenprofits to £445.2 million, only said BOC Edwards would £300,000 higher than last year. Annual sales were slightships and would be able to ly lower at just under £4 offer a wide range of products billion, while earnings were 3 per cent ahead, at 59.3p a and services. The semiconductor industry share. However, removing the currency effect showed pre-tax profits up 7 per cent and turnover up 6 per cent.

increased operating profits by 2 per cent, to £415.6 million, on sales 1 per cent higher at £2.8 billion. Profits were 10 per cent higher at constant currencies. and would have been further ahead but for £6 million spent on new information systems. in the UK, and an III million

reorganisation in the US.

BOC, which has been investing heavily in the
Asia/Pacific region, was sanguine about turnoil in financial markets. Some projects have been cancelled in Thailand, and the company has noticed a slowdown in Malaysia, but it has not seen any problem in Japan, much more important to BOC.

The investment in new gas plant — £726 million last year — caused BOC's return on capital to slip to 15 per cent (15.9), held up by good figures from Edwards and the distribution business. BOC has recently committed \$100 million (£59 million) to a \$1 hillion project for Mexico's national oil company that will involve the daily production of 40,000 tomes of nitrogen.

BOC plans to drop its policy of forecasting its dividend payments a year in advance, believing investors attach little importance to it. It intends to increase its next dividend by 6.6 per cent, to 30.9p a share, paying 15.5p in early February, and a further 15.4p next



# Northern Foods up 19%

NORTHERN FOODS is det-ermined to defend its share of the market in supplying milk to the main supermarket chains, Chris Haskins, its chairman, said yesterday. In spite of a 26 per cent

recovery in first-half dairy profits, to £27.3 million. Northern is making little money selling milk to supermarkets — and it passed on all the benefit of recent cuts in the price of raw milk. Mr Haskins said: "We are the ones keeping the heat on

our competitors and these overvalue their business and prices. [When our competitors recognise] we are serious about maintaining market share and stop trying to no money at all." return to proper profitability Northern's total pre-tax

on the supermarket side."

Although the dairy industry is enjoying a good year, North-ern believes that consolidation nong the eight main suppliers has become likelier. Mr Haskins said: "We talk to people from time to time, but they still don't talk sense. They lifted operating profits by 10 per

undervalue ours. It's going to be some time before there's a meeting of minds. Some of our competitors are making

profits in the half year to September 30 rose by 19 per cent. to £68.6 million. An interim dividend of 4p, up 11 per cent, is due on March 27. The prepared foods business a supplier to Marks & Spencer, controls.

# Flotation plan values Energis at up to £962m

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

ENERGIS, the National Grid subsidiary which specialises in telecommunications services for the business sector, has announced flotation plans that would value the company at up to £962 million (see Commentary, this page).

The pathfinder prospectus published yesterday set an offer price range of between 250p and 325p a share, which would give a value of between £815 million and £962 million. Analysts had been thinking in terms of a £1 billion float for Energis, but the more conservative range is seen as reflecting current market conditions.

Mike Grabiner, chief executive of Energis, which intends to be the main competitor to BT in the corporate telecommunica tions market, said: "Energis's competitive advantages position us to benefit from the rapid growth of advanced data services and enhanced voice

per cent rise in revenues to

to September 30. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation was £2.1 million, compared with a loss of £11.1 million for the same period last year. The company is making a

global offering of 75 million new ordinary shares, which is 50.1 per cent of the enlarged ordinary share capital and 26 per cent of the total share capital. After completion National Grid will own 49.9 per cent of the ordinary share capital and 100 per cent of the preference shares, which are non-voting but are convertible into ordinary shares.

The global offer, mainly designed to place a market value on Energis and establish it as an independent quotec company, is expected to raise between £173.9 million and £227.6 million. The deal is being sponsored by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and the deadline for the bookbuilding

# NIE investors to get £67m windfall

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

ern Ireland Electricity are to share £67 million, 10 per cent of the value of the company, in a surprise buyback operation. The company is to return the cash in a restructuring operation that creates a new holding company called Viridian. NIE is to use the new Viridian brand to step up its move into unregulated markets and for expansion overseas.

The restructuring surprised the City, which had expected NIE to wait for the outcome of a judicial review into the company's clash with the Northern Ireland electricity and gas regulator over a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on price

Patrick Haren, chief executive, said the restructuring

made better use of the balance sheet, which had net cash of E93.9 million at September 30. For every ten NIE shares, investors will get nine Viridian shares and ten loan notes worth 47.4p each. Both Viridian shares and the loan notes will be listed and there will be a free dealing service for small shareholders until March 31. It is expected that the shares

and notes will start trading on

NIE's pre-tax profits fell to E37.4 million from E52 million in the six months to September 30, largely because of lower tariffs. Profits were struck before payment of a £44 million windfall tax, which left a loss of 10.1p a share, against earnings of 28.7p last time. However, the interim dividend, due on February 16, was lifted 10 per cent to 6.05p.

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STOCK MARKET

# Dealers blame quiet day on new trading system

LIMITATIONS of the London Stock Exchange's new order book trading system were being blamed for another day of relatively quiet trading yesterday, as London prices eased back in spite of steady performances in global markets.

Dealers looking to spice up trading in FTSE 100 stocks said the City is taking its time to settle down to Sets, the computerised system. Even after a 3 per cent rise in Japan's Nikkei 225 index, dealers looking to shift larger baskets of stocks said large orders found few buyers.

Now that no contact with any other broker is needed for the largest stocks, many say their counterparts are left trying to second-guess the motives behind the orders. The result: scrappy selling, by normal City standards, which saw the FTSE 100 drop 21.6 points to 4.845.4.

One dealer said: "It's a difficult market to deal in now. We put up large deals, but there's nothing on the other side." "This means we end up either holding fire or buying and selling in small amounts." The strongest FTSE 100

performer was Williams. whose shares rose 37p to 390p. The shares now stand just 2p away from a three-year high, but the rise was attributed to stock shortages caused by the

technicalities.
NatWest was the next best FTSE performer, up 1212p to 883p on hopes that it may be about to announce news on its sale of NatWest Markets. The shares were still 13 per cent off

Enterprise Oil led the 20 FTSE fallers, dropping 43p to 609p on a warning that it is unlikely to produce more oil next year than this year. Traders said this stemmed from problems in finding enough drilling rigs. Such jitters went on to knock Cairn Energy down 6p to 49112p and Lasmo down 6p to 275p.

The start to the results season was the main driving force behind the rest of the day's trading, with a total 671 shares changing hands. Vodafone took centre stage, falling 1512p to 34112p after it launched a series of tariff reductions. Although it denied starting a price war, shares of Orange fell 9p to 242p, while Securicor soft-

ened 3p to 281p.
A similarly cold reception was given to British Steel. down 5p to 145p after its



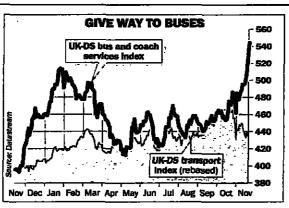
Hubert Reid, left, and Ted Tuppen, chief executive, of Enterprise Inns, up 12p as average pub income rose

interim results. The shares now stand dangerously close to a three-year low, with the price threatened as the pound gains strength.

A 23 per cent rise in profits from Great Portland hoisted its shares 10p to 255p, after it beat market expectations. Other strong results came from Perpetual, 3712p stronger at £22.35. Chamberlain & Hill,

up 25p at 195p and Marshalls, up 82p at 1412p. Enterprise Inns, headed by Hubert Reid. chairman, firmed 2p to 2612p after lifting its average inn income by 9 per cent to return full results in line with expectations.

The recent climb in the shares of Northern Foods ended on profit-taking, as it fell 7p to 26012p in response to



AFTER a summer in the doldrums, shares of bus and coach companies are reviving as the City comes round to the view that the Labour Government will prove no threat to the new bus barons.

Pre-election hints about renationalisation had the City fearing that the likes of bus company — could suf-fer from fresh regulation. bus company Now, as the transport White Paper approaches.

the mood in Whitehall seems to favour "quality partnerships", where companies order new vehicles and in return the Govern ment paints new bus lanes on the roads.

FirstBus, Stagecoach and Cowie, now renamed Arriva, are finding that they are needed to draw up

Also, if the Government has any hope of privatising needs all the friends in the industry that it can get. While this wooing contin-ues, the shares of bus and coach companies will continue to outperform the transport sector.

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FTSE sell list, down 7p at 394p on fears of weak results today. Rival Tesco gained 6p to 490p on hopes that it may have picked up whatever Safeway

Concerns over today's trading statement from Glaxo Wellcome saw its shares shed llp to 1246p. Meyer International up 3p at 376p, is expected to report better news with today's interim results.

News that Allianz, the Germany insurer, has made a bid for AGF of France sent ripples through the shares of insurers. It transpires that City dealers had fancied Allianz bidding for a large British insurer. General Accident fell 212p to 98112p and Commercial Union eased 7p

Few other takeover rumours surfaced during the day, leaving dealers to speculate over which upgrades the analysts may be pushing. James Capel was said to have gone easy on Lonrho, up 312p at 9112p, remaining positive on the company although downgrading recommendation. Arriva, the company formerly known as Cowie Group, added 10p to 365p after Panmure Gordon said its true value was at least 420p.

On the Alternative Invest-ment Market, IOC International added 6p to 16212 on talk that Merrill Lynch is preparing a buy note on the telecom equipment maker. Electronic Retail Systems fell 15p to 380p after returning sharply increased losses, but dealers say the fall is overdone and ignores the company's recent acquisition, where it has all but cornered the market in electronic super-market shelf-tags. Panic selling of Reflec shares fell 812p to a new low of 55p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Trading warmed up slightly in the

futures pit, with some selling at the long end taking the Life Futures down ten notches at £1172132. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 eased £18 at £1001932. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 ☐ NEW YORK: Shares were little changed in quiet early trading as the market took a breather from Monday's sharp gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 17.44 points lower at

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# Metal fatigue

PTERRE JUNGELS, the chief executive of Enterprise Oil, told a conference in Norway that equipment and skill shortages would send awry the best-laid production plans of the world's oil industry. He also let slip the news that oil production at Enterprise was seriously adrift of his own forecasts. Enterprise was sparing in providing further details but it seems that the problem stems from Italy, where progress has been stymied by

bureaucracy. The market's verdict was a 20

optimism in current oil production forecasts.

per cent cut in volumes and a 10 to 15 per cent reduction in earnings.
Once again, Enterprise has shot itself in the foot, delivering a difficult message to investors in an off-hand manner. More interesting is whether Mr Jungels has made a valid point in addressing the wider issue of over-

-Statistics from the International Energy Agency and other organisations suggest he may be right and the industry could be riding for a fall. The IEA forecasts a 2 million barrelper-day increase in non-Opec production this year, largely based on a bottom-up compilation of individual company forecasts. This has proved wide of the mark and the likely out-turn is half that level of growth. The cause of the shortfall is in part the cycle of well maintenance in the North Sea and elsewhere but shortages of equipment, the surging price of rigs and people are taking their toll. This is an industry that has cut its cost base to the bone while at the same time increasing performance targets in ever more demanding physical environments. The concept of metal fatigue may apply just as well to organisations as steel rigs. Prepare for more downgrades.

#### De La Rue

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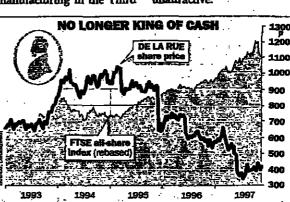
THE fillip to the share price was hardly warranted. Operating profits were disappointing, including an ominous 31 per cent decline in bank notes. The only bright spark was from De La Rue Giori, a printing equipment business which did a big deal in India. One-off gains from an asso-ciate will do little to warm the

hearts of shareholders. Two or three good years and lottery hype tended to obscure the problems at De La Rue and the market is now being confronted by reality. The bank notes business is volatile and despite its 60 per cent share of the market. De La Rue cannot control pricing. Less cost-efficient competitors enjoy the support of their central banks, enabling them to undercut De La Rue which yesterday boasted that it won the largest share of an

what price, one wonders? In theory De La Rue should quit low-margin, lowtech note printing and focus on more sophisticated products, but the high fixed costs of the presses force De La Rue to bid for volume. De La Rue's 18-20 per cent margins are a credit to its strategy of manufacturing in the Third

Indian overspill order. At

World, but it needs those margins to generate an adequate return on high investment. Indeed, spending is increasing on new products, reducing the rate of cash generation. De La Rue needs new products to grow its business long-term, but that leaves the earnings outlook poor and the unattractive.



#### Vodafone

VODAFONE'S three UK mobile telephone rivals were decidedly sniffy last night about the group's plans to give 33 per cent more value to subscribers. The threesome spoke as one in proclaiming that tariffs were already exceptionally competitive and no further action was required. No trace of a price war in the offing, not even a price quarrel. We shall see.

The problem for the average consumer lies in the fact that they would need a Craysuper-computer to calculate which mobile phone package offered the best deal, never mind questions of qual-

Vodafone's strategy will industry. The consumer can only win if the company with the largest subscriber base brings its prices down markedly. The market will be a more competitive one as a result, but continuing simpli-

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fication of tariffs would also help development. After all, penetration of

mobile phones in the UK at 14 per cent still has some way to go. In Scandinavia overall penetration stands at 35 per cent and Finland tops 40 per cent. It was perhaps inevitable that the City knocked Vodafone back by 1512p yesterday, to 34112p, and signs of price conflict are an indication that this industry should be left alone.

#### Vosper

VOSPER Thornycroft's shift away from shipbuilding has not yet earned it the sort of rating enjoyed by the support service companies it seeks to emulate, despite a recent run on the back of bid speculation.

will soon be generated from non-shipbuilding activities, such as naval training and ship maintenance. The aim is less dependence on warships. A good thing, given the dearth of buyers. The Ministry of Defence is waiting for the defence review, expected by Vospers between Christmas and Easter, and the Middle East countries have been in no rush to expand their navies, though this may change with

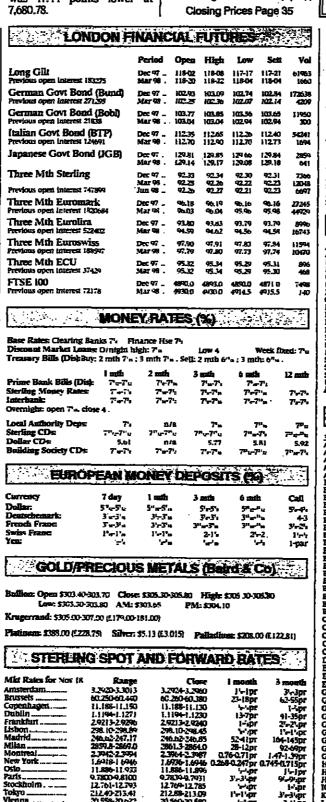
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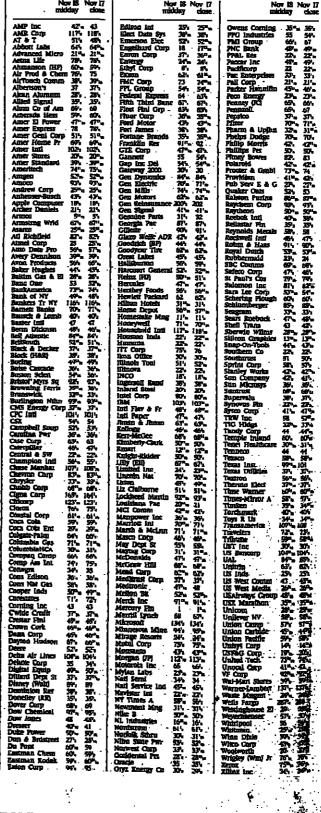
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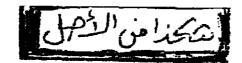
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Section 1971

The vultures are circling over Asia Recent days have seen an intensification of diplomacy in the region, ostensibly as the international community attempts to put together a rescue package for Asia's battered financial systems. But the to-ings and

fro-ings are not entirely altruistic. Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, has been on a grand tour. Larry Summers, US Deputy Treasury Secretary, was in Tokye on Monday en route to Manila for this week's meeting of officials from Asia, the IMF and the US to discuss an Asian economic emergency

It is a mark of the perceived strategic importance of who signs the cheques for any financial bailout of Asia that it has been reported that European countries including Italy, France, Germany and Britain have said that they want representatives to attend

The question of who rescues Asia is at economic leader, but now enfeebled,

# US and Europe play power games

the heart of a developing geo-political power game to influence the region in future. America has long wanted to extend its reach, particularly now it is no longer engaged in fighting the Cold War. But Europe wants a piece of the action too. It did not go unmoticed in Washington that the first meeting of a new Asian-European grouping of fin-ance ministers — ASEM — took place in Bangkok just before the annual meeting of the IMF in Hong Kong.

Japan has always attracted naked interventionism in economic matters from Washington, which has invariably used any monthly surge in Japan's bilateral trade surplus as an excuse to tell Tokyo how to run its economic affairs. Now Japan - once the region's

threatened by financial implosion. It is carrion waiting to be

picked over. The focus of the battle of influence now raging between America and Europe is the proposal, first mooted in Hong Kong, of a Japan-led Asian bailout fund. Both America and Europe have fiercely opposed the idea, arguing strongly that the IMF

ought to lead any financial rescue. The reason for this is obvious. America and the large European economies are the dominant shareholders in the IMF and can, therefore, exert influence indirectly. This is preferable to any direct intervention. Japan's power may be hopelessly



and that the Asian fund will be quietly dropped or downgraded. The IMF and its powerful shareholders will determine the nature of Asia's Asia is not, however, the only object of interest. The tussle between America and

but it still has its pride.

It looks like Japan will

capitulate to intense pressure

Europe goes far deeper than this; it goes to the very heart of which will dominate the world financial system in the future. In public, at least, the US has been positive about the advent of the single currency. The State Department argues rather quaintly that dealing with one

than dealing with several. But the US Treasury is privately concerned about European pretensions, most openly articulated by France, for the euro to displace the dollar as the world's reserve currency, or, at the very least, give it a

Most economists still regard French hopes for the euro as vainglorious in the extreme, so dominant is the dollar in international trade. But, the very fact that Europe is starting to assert itself as a bloc begins to change the dynamics of the world financial system. Speculation has been circulating that continental European banks co-ordinated selling of Asian stocks and currencies for the specific purpose of causing a little bit of helpful deflation and so ensuring that

the euro is launched against a low inflation background with the low interest rates that Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, promised last Friday. This rumour may be nothing more than the most fanciful of conspiracy theories. But it may not.

One fascinating possibility is that China may step into the global power game, filling the perceived vacuum left by Japan, but it remains to be seen whether Beijing will be left sufficiently unscathed by the region's problems that it has the confidence to play this new role. As for Britain, outside the single currency for now, the best that Tony Blair can do is to play at both ends of the field. By constructing a bridge between the US and Europe, as Stephen Lewis, of Monument Derivatives, puts it, Britain can preserve London's status as a financial centre that is "the place where the dollar and the euro financial systems have their interface". It may prove the

tempts failed because Kenneth

Clarke, then Chancellor, re-

fused - rightly as it turned out

to agree to this. The result was steadily falling inflation

coupled with a recovery in

demand from the low levels

Gavyn Davies is reported as saying that it will be two years

before the present policy (which he defends) will suc-

ceed in achieving once more

the magic 25 per cent de-

manded by Mr Brown. Is it

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I have raised these matters

with the Bank to no avail.

There are paramount needs,

therefore, for a reassessment

of monetary theory and the

appointment of a minister for

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benefit businesses located in London? Would it therefore

not be more equable to ask the tourist-related enterprises to

provide the bulk of financial

aid to the arts in that city?

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Yours faithfully, THOMAS B. HARAN

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ALAN WHEELDON.

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**BUSINESS LETTERS** 

Rate rises cast doubt on Bank's ability

From Mr Alan Wheeldon

Sir. The Bank base rate has

now risen a further 4 per cent

on the decision of Mr George and his Monetary Policy Com-

mittee (MPC). It is claimed

that this is necessary to control

inflation by depressing de-

mand - creating another

Since the election, interest

rates have increased from 6 per

cent to 714 per cent. At the same

time, inflation has increased

from below 212 per cent to above

3 per cent. Perhaps it is simplis-

tic to suggest that this increase

in base rates has, of itself,

created - or, at least, contribut-

ed to - this increase, and has

For the whole of 1996, Mr

George tried his hardest to

increase interest rates. His at-

From Mr Thomas B. Haran

Sir, I was disappointed when

the Bank of England again

raised interest rates, as the

practice hits only the poor and

the hard-pressed. The Bank

cannot curb the demand of the

The practice is also infla-

tionary, as the extra cost to

business for borrowing is re-

In any event, demand (and

need) should always be ac-

commodated and this can be

done without inflation arising.

One of my own proposals for

dealing with it - "payback

law" - is to require companies raising pay, perks and

dividends also to make a

reduction in prices. That

proves that inflation relates

Sir, Mr Harden (Business

Letters, November 13) makes

the reasonable assertion that

subsidy for the arts in London

will stimulate the flow of the

more affluent tourists, but his

argument also raises the ques-

tion of who should provide

Is it fair to tax people all

over the country in order to

From Dr Max Prola

such support.

couped from higher prices.

rich and the comfortable.

thus been counter-productive.

recession in the process?

# 'Vacuous verbiage' unlikely to help EU jobless back to work

Philip Bassett casts doubt on whether the Luxembourg summit will achieve results

op ministers from all over Europe fly in to Luxembourg tomorrow for a high-level conclave on employment — the European Union jobs summit. The aim is to find the route to cutting European unemployment levels, but the risk is that there will be much talk and little resultant action.

"What a goddam bore," was the verdict of Robert Reich, the former US Labour Secretary, on the G7 jobs summit in Lille last year, the precursor of this week's gathering. "Like all such international conferences, it's been scripted in advance by staffers who have eliminated anything remotely controversial," Mr Reich writes, in Locked in the Cabinet, his account of serving in President Clinton's Administration. "Endless streams of vacuous verbiage are translated simultaneously

into seven languages." On Friday Tony Blair will cellor, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, in promotthe EU total of 18 million unemployed and bringing employ-ment up to US levels. Mr Reich outs in graphic terms the argument between the US model of employment, with a highly flexible labour market, and the European model of labour market regulation. "In Europe," he says, "the Save-the-Jobs party is dominant; in the United States, the 'Let-'Em-Drowners' have the upper hand now. But the result is similar, the bottom

half are still trapped."

Trying to release the unemployed from that trap is what the jobs summit will be about. though cynics suggest it will have little, if any, impact on Europe's joblessness. Brussels wants to see the summit take strides towards bridging the job gap between the US and Europe. Padraig Flynn, the EU Social Affairs Commissioner, says: "Our shared task is to ensure that the EU does not remain the zone of high unemployment it has been for much

of the last decade."



Japan's about the same. Not only is the EU's employment rate a great deal lower, at 60.4 per cent, but the gap has widened over the past 20 years, as Japan and especially the US have created jobs, while they have disappeared in Europe.

Reasons for the job gap are mainly structural. A third of the gap relates to young people in the US almost three fifths of those aged 15-24 have jobs, compared with less than 40 per cent in the EU, largely because of the higher participation of young people in education and initial training in Europe.

At the same time, more older people work in the US - 55 per cent of 55 to 64-year-olds, against 35 per cent in the EU, also accounting for a third of the gap. And the final third is women: Europe has a far lower proportion of women aged 25-54 in work than the US —61 per cent against 72 per cent — mainly because of social, religious and cultural differences. particularly in southern European countries and Ireland. To try to bridge this gap, the

America has an employment rate — the proportion of people in work — of 74 per cent, with posing ambitious employment targets. It wants Europe to lift its employment rate to 65 per cent in five years, with a longterm goal of 70 per cent. Mr Flynn says that "the time has

come to set targets and quantify our employment goals". But mindful of the failure of previous targets, it is now expected that most EU member states will reject precise targets as irrelevant and unrealistic. The Commission's annual Em-

In flexible America job growth has been stunning. Figures cal-culated by The Times from US Department of Labour data show that since 1979 the number of non-farm jobs -- the main US measure of employment — has risen 35 per cent, or 32 million. Since 1992, when President Clinton was first elected, the number of jobs has risen 12 per cent, or 13.3 million. In some sectors, the growth has been even more startling.

## 6 Like all such conferences, it's been scripted in advance ?

ployment in Europe report admits that the EU's performance in creating jobs over the past six years has been "markedly inferior" to that of the US and Japan, with modest growth of 600,000 new jobs in 1996 "not enough to make significant inlosses of the recession".

roads into making good the job Greater labour market flexibility is the prescription that

Mr Blair will give the summit.

In electronic components, for instance, total employment has risen 18 per cent since 1992, with 95,000 new jobs. In computer and data processing, with the rise of companies like Microsoft and Intel, it has risen

60 per cent, with almost half a million new jobs. This year, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, US employment will rise over-

all by a further 2.3 per cent, and Japan's by 1.2 per cent. In contrast, employment across the whole of the EU is forecast to rise by only 0.4 per cent much of that buoyed up by a projected increase in the UK of 1.3 per cent, at a time when French employment is projected to rise by only 0.2 per cent. and employment in post-unification Germany still falling, by 0.4 per cent. Yet Britain's solution of

greater labour market flexibility, combined with minimum labour standards, still provokes opposition in Europe. But there are signs that it is winning support. The Commis-sion is finally acknowledging, grudgingly, that "flexibility and security need not be mutually exclusive" -- precisely the remedy proposed by Mr Blair and Mr Brown. And away from the Commission's rigid numerical job targets. Britain and other EU member states are broadly content with the proposals for action in four key areas which the summit is likely to endorse: the promotion of greater entrepreneurship,

methods of increasing employability, including shifting money to active labour market policies; improving adaptability, including modernising work organisation; and the reinforcement of equal opportunities, including familyfriendly job practices. Lurking behind the jobs

summit, though, is the even larger aim of European economic and monetary union. In its 1997 employment report the EU makes the connection explicit. "Although EMU as such is not an 'employment policy'." it says, "it provides the opportunity to achieve a macroeconomic policy mix favourable to a sustainable growth of output above the rate of growth of labour productivity, thus resulting in net employment creation."

The problem for jobs is that without the option of exchange rate adjustment, the whole means of adjustment to any outside economic shocks falls on to labour markets. Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank, heads the UK Government's task force on tax and benefit reform to help the Welfare to Work programme. He insists that European labour markets are simply not robust enough to take on this new role under EMU.

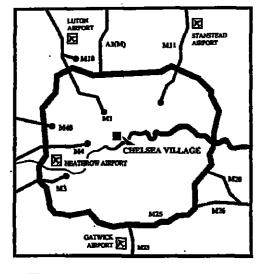
Brussels is convinced its own policy ideas are right: "Successful implementation of the emplovment strategy will be even

Wrestling with such difficulties will be at the top of ministers' agendas at tomorrow night's grand summit dinner. With a G8 jobs summit later this month in Kobe, Japan, and another EU jobs summit under Britain's EU presidency next May in Birmingham, whether this week's summit will achieve an outcome to resolve these arguments must be questionable.

"The jobs summit is a deadly bore," writes Mr Reich, the former US Labour Secretary, of another summit, in Detroit in 1994. "I have to sit next to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer [Kenneth Clarke], as rotund as he is arrogant" - and who Reich says "talks endlessly about the virtues of the free market and the social benefits of selfishness".

For some, Mr Blair's espousal of labour market flexibility is no different to the Tory approach as encapsulated by Mr Clarke. But Mr Blair is convinced that the summit can help to move Europe towards more jobs by means of greater flexibility. And he has on his side the jobs growth records of the flexible labour markets in Britain and especially the US to

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# Fallen angel

executive of the Prudential, will not be returning to our screens in the new year as the "guardian angel" of our savings. As I forecast a lew weeks back. The Pru claims the multimillion-pound TV advertisment campaign featuring Sir Peter was only scheduled to run for one year.

It was hailed at the time as a significant breakthrough in financial advertising, identifying the man prominently with the product. The

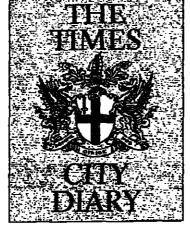


WELL. WELL Who would have fact that the campaign will not be thought it? Sir Peter Davis, the chief rerun is, of course, nothing to do with the public and humiliating apology Sir Peter has been forced to make for his company's pensions mis-selling. Or the threat from Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury. yesterday to sack senior people if they do not sort out the problem — as the Pru has failed to do. Nope, no connection at all.

> • THE latest in a long line of daft corporate name changes is the deeply dull Northern Ireland Electricity, reborn as Viridian. It's verdant, it's vigorous, it's a cross between the two, said the image consultants. They only charged £5,000 for the idea. Alas, the word already exists, for a bluish-green paint pigment — the dictionary fails to mention verdancy or vigour. It comes from the Latin for green. As in the colour of Irish nationalism. Something of an own goal, surely, in a part of the world where Orange, the mobile phone operator, had to tone down the use of its name in advertising?

# Timely poach

SBC WARBURG DILLON READ -Sir Peter Davis will not reappear no wonder it takes them so long to ing the time is ripe for a revival in the phones these days — is prices of smaller companies sector.



quietly beefing up its smaller com-panies research side, an area of the market that has gone nowhere this year. Since the start of the year two support staff have been taken on. More recently a couple of analysts have been poached. Charlie Campbell has joined from Panmure Gordon, and John Dean arrives on December I from Albert E Sharp. Still room for a few more on top, though. Warburg is still looking for two more analysts and perhaps another salesman. The idea is to hire specialists in given sectors - Campbell looks at building products. Dean at engineering — for a dedicated small cap team. The timing is interesting. Several City analysts are say-

● SOMETIMES nothing ever goes right. A colleague went on a short right. A colleague went on a short trip to Paris with Barclays this week to see the bank's new foreign exchange dealing system. First, Eurostar was delayed by some 40 minutes, so no surprise there, but it did cut into an already brief stay. Then, no sooner had the journalists filed into the dealing room when the filed into the dealing room when the fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated. The culprit was iden-tified as a smoking creme brulée in the kitchen.

Still with Barclays, the fixed income and bonds subsidiary run by Bob Diamond that was created when BZW itself was partitioned off and sold to the Swiss has dropped the word "group" from its name: it will simply be known as Barclays Capital. Too many jokes, it seems, about BCG being a nasty shot in the arm.

### Turkish delight

MY NOTE yesterday that Asil Nadir has become sufficiently emboldened by his reception in Turkey to set up another business there has prompted a reader to come forward with some holiday reminiscences. It was thought that Nadir, wanted in this country for jumping bail, had dared venture out of Northern Cyprus, a rogue state with few diplomatic ties with anywhere, only this year.

Not so, it seems. He was spotted outside Bodrum, one of the main

tourist resorts in southern Turkey, two or three summers ago. Signifi-cantly, he was at Türkbükü, the summer retreat for politicians, industrialists and journalists. Even more significantly, he was with one of the country's best-known wheelerdealers with interests in publishing and property. The British authorities must have been aware of his presence there. My informant says his acceptance by Turkish society and indus-try might be as well for Nadir. It seems his popularity in Northern Cyprus is waning, as people are be-coming dubious about the economic benefits of his relocation there.

MARTIN WALLER



"The writing was on the floral patterned wallpaper"

# Wider range of activities lifts Vosper **Thornycroft**

CONTINUED diversification away from shipbuilding has enabled Vosper Thornycroft to record a 9 per cent rise in interim profits.

Pre-tax profits of the company, based at Southampton. were £13.8 million in the six months to September 30, even though turnover dropped to £93.2 million, from £107.3 million in the corresponding

Martin Jay, chief executive. said that Vospers is poised to draw more than 50 per cent of its revenue from nonshipbuilding activities, such as training and ship maintenance. He said that this mile-stone should be reached in the

# Siebe sells **US firm** for £77m

SIEBE, the UK diversified engineering group, has raised £76.9 million by selling Wells Electronics, the US manufacturer of semiconductor burn-in and test sockets, to PCD Inc.

Wells joined Siebe as part of the acquisition of Unitech in May 1996 and was identified last September as one of the smaller companies that were not considered to be part of the group's core operations.

Wells earned pre-tax profits of £8.1 million on sales of £23.4 million in the year to September 30. Further disposals are expected. PCD Inc makes and dis-

tributes electronic connectors for the semiconductor. industrial equipment and avionic industries.

current half year. Non-shipbuilding operations contributed 49 per cent of turnover in the last six-month

In May. Vospers and GEC won the right to operate the Royal Navy's Fleet Maintenance and Repair Organisation at Portsmouth. The contract is worth £300 million over six years and the partnership added to speculation that GEC

might move for Vospers.

Mr Jay yesterday said that there had been no approach by GEC. He said: "We value our independence. We think we have got a jolly good strategy and we are very happy to go it alone. Nobody has approached us to take us

Vospers shares, which

reached an eight-month high of 884p last week on bid speculation, dipped yesterday from 876p to 857b p by mid-afternoon after profit-taking. Mr Jay said that the company was chasing E3 billion of overseas shipbuilding contracts, many of them from the Middle East. It currently has £280 million in firm orders. plus E90 million of orders whose delivery dates can be varied by the customer, and a cash balance of £123 million. In the UK, Vospers is pushing for contracts that include three hydrographic survey ships and landing craft utility

Mr Jay said that he expected the Government's defence review to confirm the UK's need of minehunting capability -Vosper's warships include minehunters — and capability for operations involving the Royal Navy in international

peacekeeping. An interim dividend of 8.25p

(7.5p) is due on January 14.



Driving force: Frank Sytner says market developments allow opportunities to expand his upmarket car dealership

# **NYSE** considers higher circuit-breaker triggers

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE Dow Jones industrial average could be allowed to fall 800 points in future before trading is brought to a halt, under new proposals from the New York Stock Exchange. The so-called circuit-breakers currently halt trading after

a fall of 350 points in the Dow

GREAT PORTLAND Estates,

the property company with ex-

tensive interests in Central

London, saw net rents rise 9

per cent, to £52 million, in the

six months to September 30

The company said that Cen-

tral London and the retail

sector, accounting for more

(Martin Barrow writes).

Jones average, with a second intervention after a 550-point fall. The circuit-breakers, introduced after the 1987 crash on Wall Street, were triggered during last month's market plunge. Their purpose is to prevent the spread of panic but traders blamed the trad-

than 70 per cent of its portfolio,

Operating profits rose to £48.2 million, from £43.8 mil-

lion, but pre-tax profits fell to

£15.4 million, from £21.9 mil-

lion, after early redemption of a

loan and costs associated with

a £100 million debenture. The

interim dividend remains 2.9p.

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continue to thrive.

ing halts for some of the volatility experienced on October 27 when the Dow dropped 554 points. Some free-marketeers were

furious that falls of 4.5 per cent and 7.2 per cent, a small adjustment compared with the 22 per cent fall in October 1987, warranted such an inter-

Under the proposed changes the first circuit-breaker would be activated after a fall of up to 800 points and a second after a 1,600-point drop. A third phase could also be considered.

The plans represent a U-turn by the New York Stock Exchange, which announced three weeks ago that the circuit-breakers had worked

as Alan Shearer and Ronaldo will be paid thou-

sands for their performances in next year's World Cup in

France, the majority of the people working at the tour-

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# Sytner seeks £23m for expansion

FRANK SYTNER, chairman of Sytner Group, said yester-day that there will be opportunities to expand the upmarket motor dealer in the light of developments in the car distri-bution market. These include two mergers of car dealership groups with a strong Mercedes-Benz bias and the likely purchase of Rolls-Royce

Mr Sytner was speaking as the group he built from a single BMW dealership in Nottingham announced its £50 million flotation. Sytner, which owns I5 dealerships selling BMW, Ferrari and Porsche among others, is raising £23 million to allow expansion in the motor trade. The group predicts it will make £6.5 million this year, up from £2.7 million last year

France next summer and to be

free for 31 days. The

organisers, who are hoping to

keep costs down to avoid some

of the financial problems that

hit Italia '90, are providing

free food and drink and will

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whether they are

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spokesman said.

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Only a few

cover transport costs.

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# TBI plans £100m airport development

TBI, the airport and property group, has applied for planning permission for the £100 million development of more than 1.6 million sq ft of land within Belfast International Airport. TBI said the development has the properties to contain the following blocking blocking belong the potential to create up to 15,000 jobs in Northern Ireland. The company plans to develop the non-operational land it already owns around the airport for a range of uses, not all directly

TBI said it has undertaken detailed research since the acquisition of Belfast Airport in 1996 and has concluded that a significant opportunity exists to develop the land for uses such as a call-centre park. Northern Ireland's first factory outlet village (non-food) and for freight, cargo, cold storage, warehousing and distribution. Other uses include aircraft maintenance facilities, research and development units, a petrol service station and offices. TBI said that inquiries from potential tenants have been encouraging.

# Enterprise ahead 71%

EXPANSION helped Enterprise lans, the leased and tenanted pubs group, to a 71 per cent jump in profits before tax and exceptionals in the year to September 30. Profits rose to £14.5 million, from turnover up 58 per cent to £60.3 million. The company benefited from a full year's ownership of John Labatt (UK) and a 22-week contribution from Discovery Inns. Earnings per share rose from 16.5p to 20.8p and a final dividend of 5.0p will be paid on January 27, making 7.5p (6.75p).

# Greenway back in black

GREENWAY HOLDINGS, the waste control group, returned to the black during the six months to September 30, and has bought the hydrocarbons division of Lanstar for £1.2 million. The business recovers and recycles waste oils and is expected to boost the Orcol fuels division of Greenway. Pre-tax profits at Greenway were £422,000, compared with a loss of £80,000 a year earlier. The half-year dividend is unchanged at 0.5p, from earnings of 1.49p (loss of 0.28p) per share.

# MacLaurin at Whitbread

WHITBREAD has appointed Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth as a non-executive director. Lord MacLaurin joined Tesco in 1959 as a management trainee and held a number of senior appointments before joining the board in 1970. He became managing director in 1973 and chairman in 1985 before retiring earlier this year. He is currently a nonexecutive director of Vodafone as well as chairman of the

#### Jackson talks terminated

SHARES in Jackson, the building and construction group, dipped 4p, to 51p, after it said that it was no longer in discussions with parties who had made approaches or offers. The company said: "Discussions have been terminated with the parties referred to in the interim report dated September 11, 1997." It added: "Trading is buoyant and the outlook is encouraging. The board remains confident that the business will continue to produce improved returns for shareholders."

# James Crean disposal

JAMES CREAN has sold its tissue conversion business, which trades mainly under the name of Staples Disposables, to Highblack, a private investment company, for £11.79 million. The consideration is £10.49 million cash, £550,000 in medium-term, interest-bearing loan notes and £750,000 The disposal is a forerunner to reinvestment by James Crean in selected sectors of the print and packaging industry.

# Sabena Airbus order

SABENA, the Belgian national airline, is to buy 34 Airbus Industrie aircraft to renew its medium-haul fleet, making it the carrier's biggest aircraft order. Sabena said it was the best option to meet its economic and commercial objectives. Twenty-eight of the new aircraft will replace 13 Boeing 737-200s and 15 Boeing 737-300, 737-400 and 737-500s. The airline will also order six additional aircraft to develop its European network and has taken an option on another five aircraft.

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The Secretary of State hereby gives notice as follows.

- 1. She intends to revoke on 31 December 1997 the Class Licence to run Branch Systems to provide Telecommunications Services which was granted by the Secretary of State under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Act") on 9 September 1996 and on 31 December 1997 issue a new Class Licence to run Branch Systems to provide Telecommunications Services. The licence will be for a period of 25 years subject to earlier revocation in circumstances specified in the
- 2. Various amendments have been made to the licence to bring the conditions and definitions into line with the requirements of the EC Licensing Directive (97/13/EC). the EC Interconnection Directive (97/33/EC) and for other reasons. There are four main variations between the current licence and the new licence. (i) The introduction of new conditions on fair trading, controlled services (premium rate services). numbering and number portability. (ii) New interconnection conditions have been included to align with the requirements of the EC Interconnection Directive. These conditions introduce rights and obligations to interconnect for those operators who are providing interconnection services in accordance with the Interconnection Directive. (iii) New conditions have been included in the licence for conditional access services. (iv) It is also proposed to widen the scope of the Applicable System that can be run under the Licence to relax the "200 metre rule" and permit the running of apparatus situated in and linking up to 20 separate sets of premises within
- They should be made in writing by 10 December 1997 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry, Communications & Information Industries Directorate, Room 2.68, 151 Buckingham Palace Road. London SW1W 9SS. Copies of the proposed licence and accompanying guidance Department or by calling 0171 215 1746.

# a single contiguous boundary under a common management regime. 3. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed new licence. notes detailing the proposed changes can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Department of Trade and Industry LEGAL NOTICES CENCOSPORT SOFT DELIVES THE PRODUCTION ACT 1986 IN THE RESIDENCY GIVEN PRODUCTION OF SOFT DELIVES ACT THE INSTITUTE IS RESERVED GIVEN THAT APPROACH THE PRODUCTION ACT 1986 IN THE RESIDENCY GIVEN PRODUCTION OF SOFT DELIVES ACT THE LIGHTON TO SECTION 98 of the lanester company is to be half at the offices of Poppleton and Applety, 22 High Street, Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the consider the above company is to be consider the above company in the limited company? MIL be half at the offices of Poppleton and Applety, 22 High Street, Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the consider the company of the limited to vite administration of the Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the consider the company of the limited to vite administration of the Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the Company of the Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the Marchester, M4 10D on the Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the Marchester, M4 10D on Treastly 250 on the Marchester, M4 10D on the Marche In the matter of Culveria Holdings Limited and in the matter of the Insolvency and 1986 (1986). The Insolvency Act 1986 (1986) is the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986 (1986) where the Insolvency Act 1986 (1986) where the Insolvency Act 1986 (1986) which is selected as excitons of the above extension of the above extens ANGLIAN PROCESSORS LIMITED THE INCOLVENCY ACT 1986 NO OGGOA? of 1997 CHARCEN INVESTOR THE INCOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS RECEIVED GYEN has Developed to the provided that helph of 1 Save FIEL. Lendon ECLA 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above semed configured at a massing of cadicutes are required on or herions 6th jammary 1997 to send their hamses and addresses and particulars at their debts in the Liquidator, and, if an required by portice in writing from the high cannot be first debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Liquidator, and if an required by postice in writing from the high states, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Liquidator, 1997. DAVID A ECLPH, Liquidators IN THE HICH COURT OF MOD 112216 of 1996 NO 102042 of 1997 CHARCEN INVESTOR OF THE MOD 112216 of 1996 IN THE EIGH COURT OF THE MOD 112216 of 1996 IN THE EIGH COUR

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This notice is in substitution for that which supeared in The Times dated 18th November 1977.

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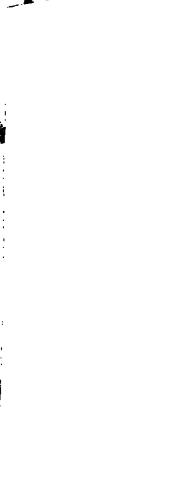
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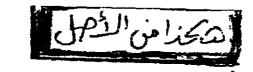
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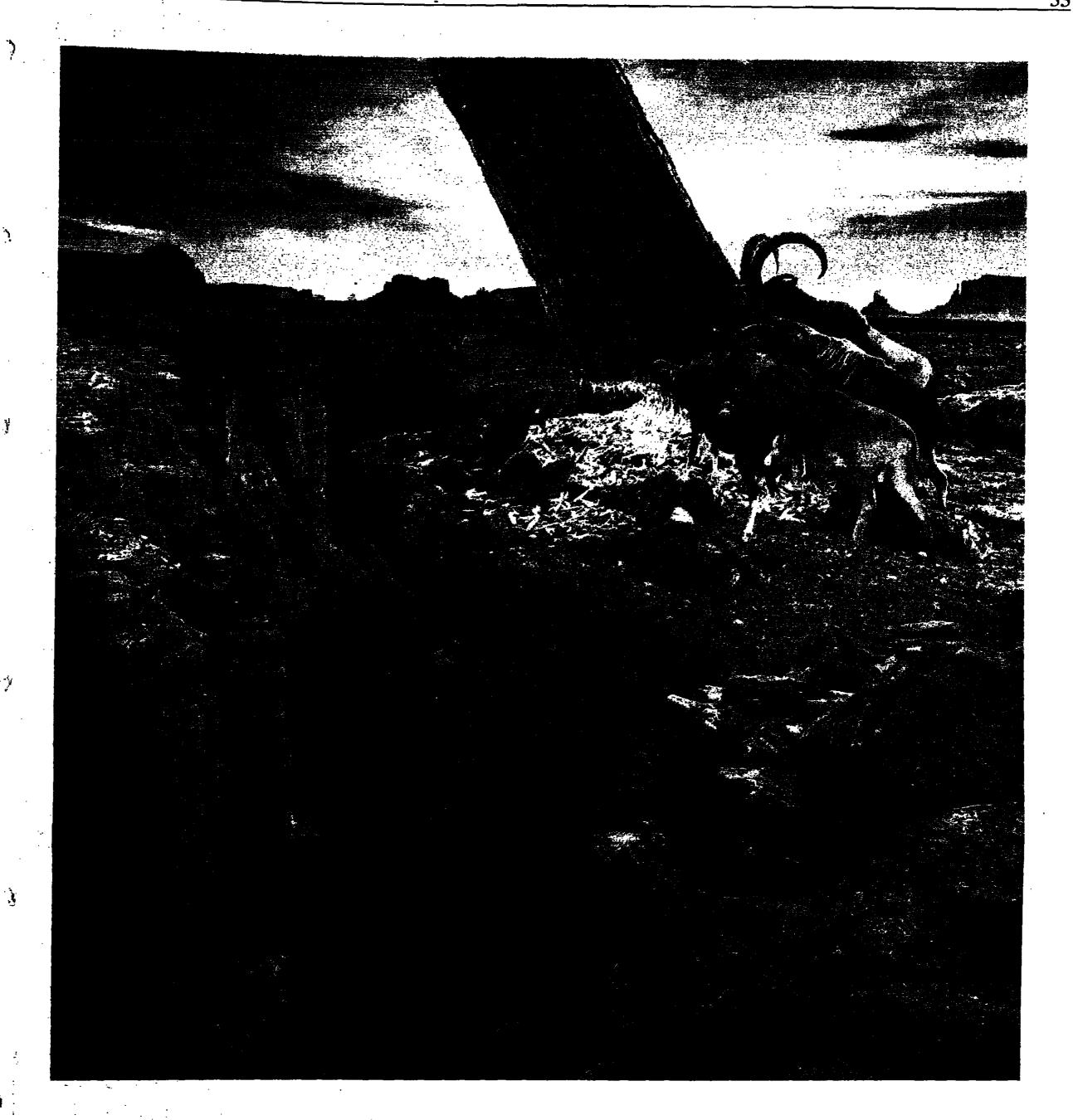
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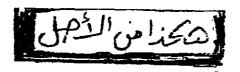
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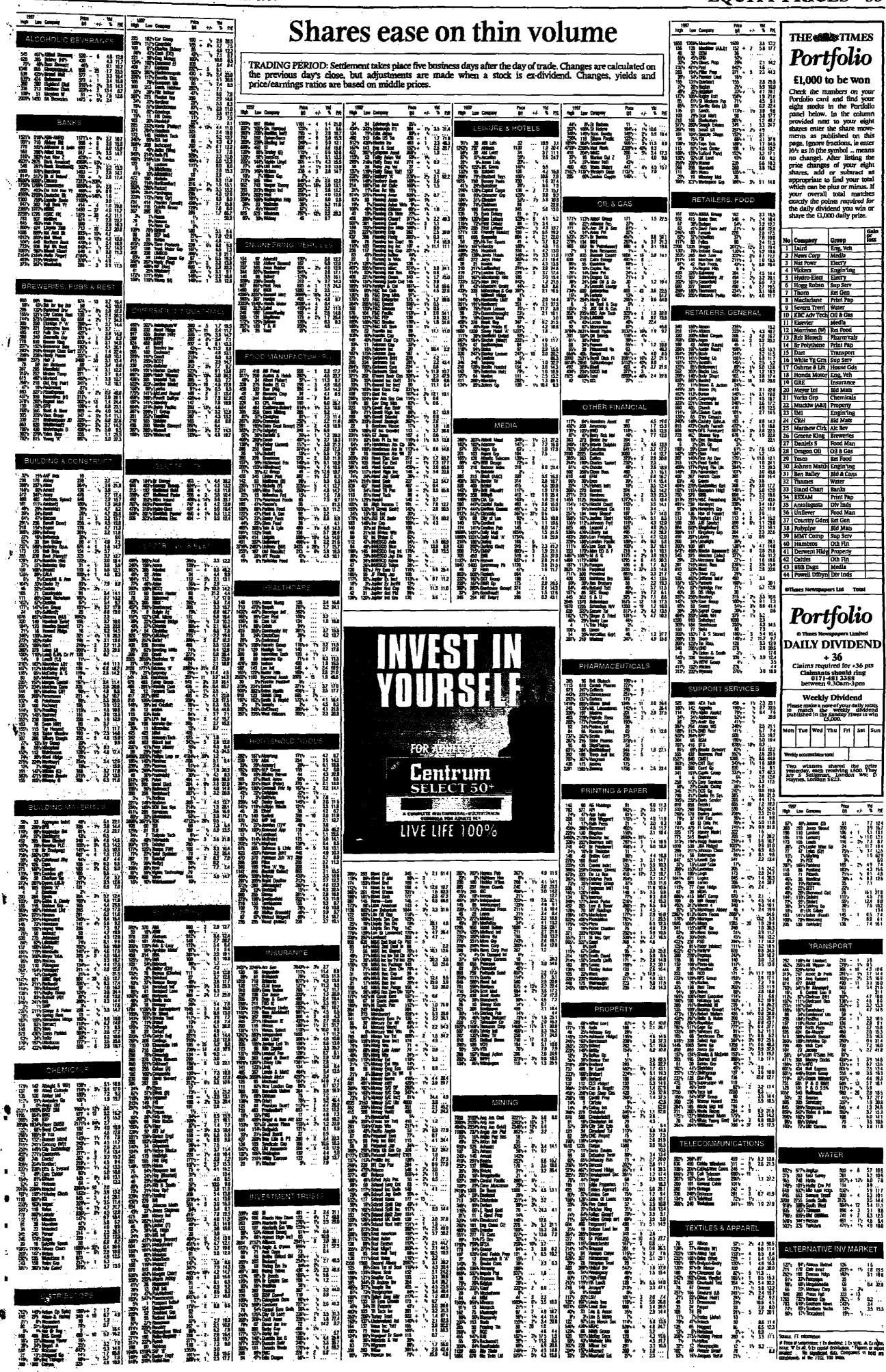
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# Fixing unfair dismissal damages

Wheeler Same v Donald Same v Nixon Same v Joslyn

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Mantell **Budgment November 5** 

In determining damages for unfair dismissed from the Armed Forces for pregnancy, the proper ap-proach was to take the sum which she would have carned in the Forces, deduct from that the amount she had or should have earned elsewhere, and then discount the net sum by a percentage to reflect the chance that she might have left the Armed Forces in any

Where there were different percentage chances for different parts of the period, they should be applied cumulatively, although ribunals should be alive to the there might be a greater chance than in earlier periods that the woman would have remained in

The Court of Appeal so held when (i) dismissing an appeal by the Ministry of Defence and crossappeals by Deirdre Wheeler and Stephanie Lynn Donald from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Kay. Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mrs R. 22, 1995; [1996] ICR 554) of appeals by the ministry against the level of damages imposed by respective industrial tribunals and (ii) dismissing an appeal by the ministry against a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Morison, Mrs E. Hart and Mr R. H. Phipps) on June 24, 1996 of appeals by the ministry against

Polychronakis v Richards

Before Lord Justice Brooke and Mr

Once a defendant had raised the

defence of reasonable excuse to a

charge of failing to comply with an

abatement notice, under section 80(4) and (6) of the Environmental

Protection Act 1990, the burden

was on the prosecution to disprove

The Oueen's Bench Divisional

Court so held when allowing an

appeal by Mr John Polychronakis, the prosecutor on behalf of Dudley

case stated against the acquittal by

December 3, 1996 of Richards and

Jerrom Ltd of offences contrary to

tropolitan Borough Council, by

and Jerrom Ltd

|Judgment October 16|

Justice Gage

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Jonathan McManus for the ministry; Miss Dinah Rose for Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Donald: Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Mr Jeffrey Bacon for Mrs Joslyn; Mrs Vixon did not appear and was not

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS said all four women had been unlawfully dismissed from the Forces because of preg-nancy. Each had obtained alternative employment for varying periods after their dismissal, but at er pay so that they mitigated

The point of principle that arose related to the proper approach to calculation of loss. The ministry contended that the

total sum that the applicant would the Services for the period of years as found by the tribunal that she would have remained in the Forces, at that point apply percentage discount found by the tribunal to reflect the chance that she would not have remained in the Armed Forces and then deduct from that sum the total amount that the applicant had earned or period. That was method I.

The applicants contended that the proper approach was to take the sum that the claimant would from that sum the amount that she had or should have earned else where and then apply the percent-age discount. That was method 2. The difference between the two approaches could be illustrated by the example of a complainant

Mr Barry Berlin for the prosecu-

tion; Mr David Watson for the

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, giv-

Whether a statute imposed a

burden of proof on a defendant

depended on the construction of

ing the judgment of the court, said that the defendants had been

reasonable excuse.

industrial tribunals in cases brought by Jane Ann Joshyn and Bernadette Allison Nixon.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr

earning £10,000 a year in the Services, wrongfully dismissed and earning £5,000 a year in civilian life, the tribunal having found a 50 per cent chance that she would have returned to the Services after the birth of her child

> had she been able to do so. Under method I, the 50 per cent discount was applied to the E10,000, leaving £5,000. Subtract the £5,000 actually earned and she was left with no loss at all.

Under method 2, the notional Service earnings would be dis-counted 50 per cent to £5,000, but the actual earnings would be discounted by 50 per cent to £2,500. which subtracted from the discounted earnings figure left a real loss of £2,500.

The parties were agreed that the court must approach the issue on the principle that the complainants should as far as possible be placed in the same position as they would have been in but for the unlawful

Counsel had adopted mathemat-ical formulae, X being the earnings the claimant would have received had she remained in the Armed dismissed. Y being the earning have been earned in alternative employment and Z being the percentage reduction to reflect the chance that she would not have remained in the Armed Forces with higher pay than in civilian

Under method I the compensa tion was X x 2 per cent -Y. Under method 2 it was (X-Y) x Z per cent. Mr Pannick submitted that X x Z per cent represented the total and the employee had to give credit for the total sum earned in

lternative employment. In his Lordship's judgment X x Z

Prosecution to disprove excuse section 80(4) and (6) of the 1990 Act. that statute, and there was nothing in the language of section 80 to suggest that the onus was on the defendant to prove reasonable excuse. That was in contrast to the defences in sub-sections (7) and (9) placed upon the defendant.

> The correct approach was that abatement notice served under section 90(1) of the 1990 Act on the once the defendant had laid the evidential basis for the contention ground that they had a reasonable that he had a reasonable excuse, it excuse within the meaning of the court to the criminal standard The question was whether the of proof that the excuse was not a justices had been correct to find in law that it was for the defendants to prove, and not for the prosecu-tion to disprove the defence of

However, since the justices had overlooked prosecution evidence, the appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Mr John Polychronakis, Dudley: Clark Brookes, West Bromwich.

per cent did not represent the total figure for loss of earnings. It represented the amount that the imant would have earned in the Armed Forces but discounted for the chance that she might not have earned it. That figure disregarded the fact that if she had remained in the Forces she would not have

earned a lesser sum, or any sum in

Accordingly in the example given earlier, if there was a 50 per cent chance of her earning £10,000 in the Army, there was equally a 50 per cent chance that she would not earn only £5,000 in civilian employment, and to arrive at a true figure of actual loss the latter must be put into the equation as well as the former.

Mr Pannick's submission in nored the real, existing loss in a comparison between the £5,000 actually earned and the £10,000 which the applicant had a 50 per cent chance of earning. It was impossible in his Lordship's judgment to say that a woman who was earning £5,000 a year following her dismissal had suffered no loss when she had a 50 per cent chance of earning twice that amount

The second issue was the proper approach to cumulative chances Making the assumption that the applicant had not been wrongfully dismissed, she would have varyuing prospects of remaining in the Armed Forces at different points in her career which the

The ministry submitted that the percentage changes must be appargued that it was also open to the ribunal if it chose to consider each period in the round and reach an overall conclusion which took account of the applicant having left the Services prior to the commencement of the relevant

In his Lordship's judgment, the percentage chances must be app-lied cumulatively. Miss Rose had been concerned that if tribunals dopted that approach there was a risk of injustice to applicants in that the tribunal was likely to assume that there was a diminish ing percentage chance that the claimant would have remained in the Forces after the end of the first

She argued that if it was found that there was, say, a 50 per cent chance of the claimant staying to the end of a particular period, there could be a greater chance, say 70 per cent, of her remaining for the next period. Tribunals would no doubt be alive to that

Lord Justice Mantell delivered a concurring judgment and Lord lustice Hirst agreed with both. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Tyndallwoods, Birmingham and Fuglers; Glenisters, Ruislip.

# Tribunal loses appeal jurisdiction Pendragon plc v Jackson Before Mr Justice Morison, Mrs R.

Chapman and Mr R: Sanderson Judgment November 5] Because of a lacuna in the legislation, the Employment Appeal Tri-bunal had no jurisdiction to hear appeals from decisions of indus-

trial tribunals in breach of contract

From the comme the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996. the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals to hear breach of contract claims derived from that Act and section 21, which defined the jurisdiction of the Employment did not include jurisdiction to hear appeals from an industrial tribunal whose jurisdiction was conferred "under or by virtue of this

Those words had been included in its predecesor, the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, and had given the appeal tribunal jurisdiction to hear ap-peals arising in proceedings before an industrial tribunal under the 1978 Act such as complaints of unfair dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when adjourning generally an appeal by Pendragon plc from a decision of a Leeds industrial tribunal on December 4. 996 in a breach of contract claim by the applicant, Mr John Jackson. Section 136 of the 1978 Act, now

of law arising from any decision of, or arising in any proceedings before, an industrial tribuna under, or by viruse of, the following Acts . . . (e) this Act. . ."

Section 21 of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 was in a similar form but omitted "this Act". Mr Guy Prichard for Pendragon: Mr Christopher Graham.

solicitor, for Mr Jackson; Mrs Melanie Hall as amicus curiae. MR JUSTICE MORISON said that the appeal raised an important question concerning the iurisdiction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The question at issue was whether, since the introduction of the new legisla in 1996, the appeal tribunal had

points of law arising from de-cisions of industrial tribunals in breach of contract cases. Since August 1996 the appeal tribunal had heard a number of such appeals. If it did not have jurisdiction, the consequences were serious; not only would the court have acted without jurisdiction in the past but also, until the position was rectified by Parliament, many appeals might have

jurisdiction to hear appeals on

Section 136 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 had conferred jurisdiction on the appeal triburnal to hear appeals on a question of law arising from any decision under or by virtue of a number of Acts and under this

derived much of their jurisdiction from the 1978 Act those words were important.

From July 12, 1994, the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals was extended to hear claims for breach of contract. Pursuant to section 136 of the 1978 Act the appeal tribunal. had jurisdiction to hear appeals from such decisions.

But the relevant provisions of section 136 were repealed by the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 and were replaced by section 21 which omitted the reference to "this Act". Therefore on a literal construction of the statutory language, the appeal tribunal would have no power to hear appeals from de cisions of industrial tribunals where their jurisdiction was derived from the 1996 Act. Unless there was some saving

provision in the legislation, or the court was persuaded to take a nonliteral approach to construction. decline invisdiction to hear such amended the legislation. It was common ground between

tribunal had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal, the effect of section 11 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1991 was to give a party a right of appeal to the High

portant. There were many appeals against decisions of industrial

complaints. The appeal tribunal provided parties with an appellate forum which was not hedged about by legal technicalities and which was intended to be relatively

If which the appeal tribunal thought might be debatable, the High Court provided an alternative forum for an appeal, it was much less attractive for unrepre-

But his Lordship had concluded that it would be wrong to try to fill the gap left by Parliament. There was no reported decision where a court had added words to a statute to fill an apparant lacuna in its iurisdiction. The appeal tribunal had jurisdiction on the basis that it could add words to the statute which were not there.

They had been referred to a number of authorities, none of which was directly in point. As a matter of pure construction on the ordinary and natural meaning of the words in section 21 of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996, the anneal tribunal had no power to tribunals where the tribunal had taken jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

There was a lacuna in the legislation which Parliament had to put right. The appeal would be djourned generally . Solicitors: Mr I. Beken: Ford &

# Retailers liable for others' price tickets

Denard v Burton Retail Ltd Before Lord Justice Brook and Mr Justice Gage

|Judgment October 16| Retailers were liable for displaying misleading prices contrary to sec-tion 20 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 even when they had not fixed the misleading prices on the

position to ensure that the pricing was accurate. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by Mr Peter Denard of Surrey County Council trading standards department by way of case stated against the acquittal by Farnham Justices on July 25, 1996 informations alleging raisleading price indications given at Burtons shops, contrary to section 20 of the

The question before the court was whether the words "in the course of a business" was to be interpreted widely or narrowly. Section 20 of the 1987 Act

1987 Act.

"(I) . . . a person shall be guilty of an offence if, in the course of any business of his, he gives (by any means whatever) to any con-

sumers an indication which is misleading as to the price at which any goods . . . are available. . . " Mr Karl Scholz for the prosecutor, Mr Martin Hurst for

LORD JUSTICE BROOK said Burton and another company. Baird, were operating a concession in Burton's stores in Sunderland and Guildford,

merchandise was owned by Baird but half the suits had Burton labels on them. Staff were employed by Baird but customer payment receipts were issued by Burton. The concession agreement be

tween Baird and Burton set price parameters but exact pricing was left to Baird and Burton had no means of checking that the exact price had been fixed to the price tags. The price tags had "Burton" on them. Customers would believe themselves to be in a Burton store

purchasing Burton's merchandise. Suits with misleading price tags on them were offered for sale at Burton's stores in Sunderland and Guildford contrary to section 20 of the 1987 Act. Baird had pleaded

It was accepted that the erroneous price tags had been completed by a Baird's employee. The question before the court was whether Burton were also guilty of

Mr Scholz submitted that the concession was an integral part of Burton's business. Burton's receipts were issued to customers of Baird's products and Burton could be sued on such receipts.

An analysis of the concession agreement between Burton and Baird showed that the business was Burton's as much as Baird's. The offences had clearly been committed in the course of Burton's business. Mr Hurst submitted that the

offences in question had been committed by a Baird's employee when the incorrect price was fored on the price tag. The words "in the course of a business" were descriptive only and of no wider significance.

It was a fundamental principle inglish law that no one should be held responsible for the criminal acts of another. He submitted that Burton should not be held responsible for the acts of the they had no control. His Lordship preferred the sub

missions of the appellant. One should not be distracted by the issue of who was responsible for ng prices and writing price tags. The duty was a non-de ν Pedley (1952) 1 KB 275) and R ν Associated Octel Ltd (1996) 1 WLR

The misleading price indication had clearly been given in the course of Burton's business. Mr Justice Gage agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Jonathan Jessup. Kingston upon Thames, Mr Adam Goldman, Oxford Street.

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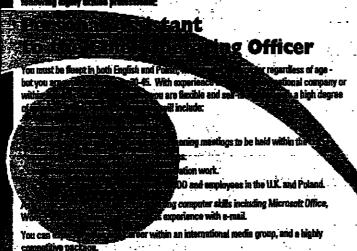
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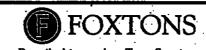
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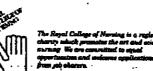
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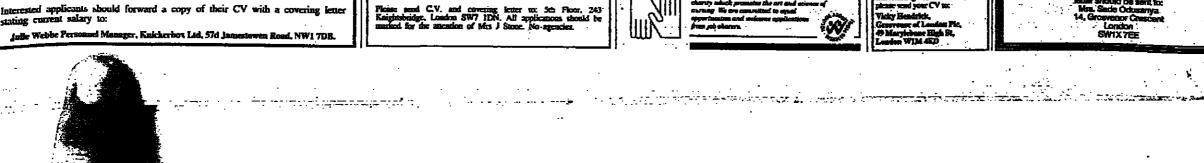




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Women, it seems, are prohigher level. grammed from childhood to As every diplomat knows, be poor negotiators. According psychology also plays a key to a study by the University of Illinois, girls are worse negotirole in negotiations. "Have a back-pocket mentality." advises Ms James. "Your back pocket is your fallback pos-ition if this particular com-pany says no. Think positively, market yourself and say if this company will ators than boys. When boys find they cannot get a new toy through asking, they switch to bargaining tactics such as offering to clean their room, or to pay for half. Girls, on the other hand, resort to sulking. not give me what I want. I can go to their rivals."

begging and pleading.

"Alarmingly, parents didn't perceive girls' emotional approaches as negative," says Dr Strategies to ensure that the company in hand does give you what you want include Elizabeth Moore-Shay, who conducted the study. This negotiating from the other person's values, selling to their means girls may have no training in expressing their wants reasonably or in driving needs. When asked the inter-view favourite Tell me why you would like this job," reply a hard bargain, which is a in a way that shows your value to the organisation. disastrous situation when it

comes to salary negotiations.

But it is possible to unlearn
the lessons of childhood. Com-Good presentation and appearance are also in your favour. "First jobs require a business-like suit," says Ms munications and presentation consultant Judi James, based James. "Pinstripe material alin Central London, says that ways looks more expensive than plain. Business clothing looks like you mean business." the key to effective salary negotiations is up-to-date information. "You need to know The finishing touch is a smart.

Select Appointments, a nationwide temporary and commercial agency with 80 branches, publishes a yearly survey of secretarial salaries. providing all the data you need to establish your raw market worth. There are huge regional differences between what first jobbing secretaries are paid, with Central London paying the most. But even within regions there are differences between the maximum and minimum pay for a WP audio typist or junior

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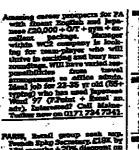
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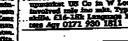


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THEATRE: After eight male appointments the new Cameron Mackintosh Theatre Professor at the University of Oxford will be a woman. Thelma Holt. the veteran producer, will follow Sir Richard Eyre into the one-year post. She will give a series of lectures beginning on January 29. and hold a series of "Saturdav morning surgeries" for undergraduates involved in the theatre.

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**MUSIC:** Another honour for Sir Simon Rattle. The conductor, who ends his 18-year stint as maestro of Birmingham next year. was given the Royal Society of Arts' premier award the Albert Medal - last week. Another conductor is also moving on: Semyon Bychkov, currently music director of the Orchestre de Paris, will become chief conductor of the Dresden State Opera and the Cologne Radio Symphony Orchestra after he quits France next year.

Stephen Dillane tells Matt Wolf why he almost turned down his plum role in the powerful Welcome to Sarajevo

# The conscientious objector

Tomei may be the box office draws of Welcome to Sarajevo, but the fierce, cool centre to Michael Winterbottom's passionate depiction of the war in Bosnia can be found in Stephen Dillane, the latest British theatre actor to make a bid for film renown.

Dillane has appeared in films before, not least in the little-seen Sandra Bullock vehicle Stolen Hearts which the actor reckons he got on the strength of a Snowdon photograph in Vanity Fair. But elcome to Sarajevo marks the 40-year-old performer's highest-profile work to date. So it is somewhat surprising to

hear that he almost turned the movie down. "I thought, 'That's very dangerous; don't do it. It's too charged; you don't know anything about it," Dillane

Screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce had adapted ITN journalist Michael Nicholson's account of

the war and his adoption of a young Bosnian girl as chronicled in his 1993 memoirs. Natasha's Story. The produc-ers wanted Dillane to play the Nicholson character in the

By its very nature, film remakes everything in this image of itself, and I was aware that it would only impose on the war this Hollywood version of events, so I thought stay clear; don't touch it," Dillane says. "At that point it seemed pure

Hollywood - heroic English journalist saves lucky little Bosnian girl from slaughter and brings her back to Eng-land which stands for all things true and good. It all looked like a horrible package

on the page."
What brought Dillane round was seeing Winter-bottom's existing films, particularly his bruising road movie. Butterfly Kiss. "That made me think, there's actually a purpose in this and it is not entirely without honour. I thought Michael would have the right eye, that his interest was not in easy, smooth, a leap of faith."

The result is one of the year's most powerful films, retaining the immediacy of a genre classic such as The Battle of Algiers without pandering to audience tear ducts as sometimes happened in, say. Missing. Premiered at Cannes in May, the film was derided by some (the French press especially) for part-fictionalising a period of history still too close to us. Dillane, though, stands by the finished product. "The only way you can do justice to the situation is to make the imaginative journey towards it as rigorously and with as much

good intent as possible."

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Dillane's career has been marked by its own rigour: he is one actor with precious little filler on an impressive CV. But he did not even enter the profession until well into his twenties, having spent a period as a journalist on a local newspaper, pounding the education beat as, he says, "an unresays. formed Marxist".

What prompted the switch to acting? "I wasn't enjoying being a journalist and couldn't think of anything else to do, actually," says Dillane, a doctor's son who grew up in Kent and read history and politics at Exeter. The practical spur, he says, came when he read an interview with Trevor Eve. whose own shift from architecture to acting suggested to Dillane that such moves were possible. The imaginative spur arose from reading Peter Brook's manifesto The Empty Space back to back with Hamlet. "Those two things together made me light up inside somewhere, since in other ways I wasn't a particularly aware or reflective person at the time; I was just kind of morose.

He enrolled in the two-year drama programme at the Bristol Old Vic and remembers the time as "very exciting and just bizarre. At drama school, I was convinced they had the wrong person the first year. The students were either much younger or Cambridge English graduates with a passionate, more intellectual contained emotions. Basically, connection to the work, where- hated nor having my own



His part as a British journalist in Welcome to Sarajevo could make Stephen Dillane hot news in Hollywood. But his heart belongs to the theatre

as I had no idea what was going on a lot of the time." The usual stints in rep were

next, followed by some TV work. But it was in a production of The Beaux Stratagem, with Brenda Blethyn, that Dillane began to be noticed, even if the presence in Equity of a Stephen Delaney meant that he launched his career with the surname Dillon. "I

name. I used to phone up Equity every six months asking whether Stephen Delaney d died yet."

Back at the National in 1990, he was in the London premiere of Dancing Lughnasa, missing out on the Broadway transfer of Brian Friel's play when his girlfriend Naomi Wirthner, herself an actress, had their first child (a

quantum leap in recognition came three years ago, when he was cast as Hamlet in Peter Hall's production. Dillane staked out a fresh claim to the part as an unusually sardonic, mocking prince who stripped naked at one point and laid bare his nerve ends during a punishing, eight-perfor-mances-a-week run over an intense eight months. "Tired

D.H. Lawrence on TV (The Widowing of Mrs Holroyd) and Beckett at the Donmar Warehouse (Endgame, as Clov to Alun Armstrong's Hamm), both directed by Katie Mitchell, and inheriting Christopher Walken's Broadway role in David Rabe's Hurlyburly -- "a great play". Dillane has several more

From there it was on to

returns to the theatre in the spring, playing Vanya in an RSC-Young Vic co-production "It seemed irresistible, really." he says, forsaking any thoughts of doing the Holly-wood circuit. "Once you're offered things, I don't think it's extraordinary to be able to do them; I think it's extraordinary to be offered them."

• Welcome to Sarajevo opens on

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er-body movement. Sara Rudner's new Heartbeats: mb was the last and longest of three solos danced by the great star at the trendy Bobieny theatre in suburban Paris. Injury among Barysh-nikov's White Oak Dance Project troupe made him decide to go it alone.

Still a work-in-progress.

Heartbeats: mb is more an interesting concept than sophisticated choreography, although the concept has limited mileage. We hear the not-sostartling evidence that exercise accelerates the heart, while a lurch into flamenco-flavoured steps introduces an interplay between Baryshnikov's innercardiac rhythm and his outer foot-tapping one. But there is something affecting about this glimpse into the internal machinery of such an exceptional individual; it seems that, yes, it dance which makes

Baryshnikov tick The movement is fragmentary and vernacular, but frankly anything Baryshnikov does is sensational. In the

of speed, slow satiny turns giving way to bright, arrowy jetés. You also notice the subtlety: the rubato and alterations of emphasis which enrich his dance. Over at the Palais Garnier, the wonderful dancers of the Paris Opera Ballet have self-

other two solos, José Limôn's

Chaconne and Mark Morris's

Three Russian Preludes, you

notice the spectacular contrast

lessly given body and soul to Lorca Massine's horrible Disneyesque revival of his father's La Symphonie Fan-tastique, created in 1936 and last performed by the Paris Opera in 1963. Kader Belarbi smouldered darkly as the

libretto for his symphony. An idealised girl (the beautiful Fanny Gaida) is eternally out of reach, lifted by groups of men in architectural tableaux Waltzing couples sway in the night, fantastical insect-figures dart in a bucolic landscape, satanic spirits gloat over the composers dead body, the Gaida character now one of them.

Lorca Massine's tacky and crude version of this phantasmagoria has been condemned by those who remember the earlier stagings. Responsible for Birmingham's equally disastrous The Three-Cornered. Hat a few years ago, Massine is killing off his father's work.

NADINE MEISNER

# **GREAT BRITISH HOPES** Rising stars in the arts firmament

**ZOE WAITES** 

Age: 22. Profession: Actress.

Current whereabouts: On a atre. Stratford, as the RSC's new Juliet. The reviews - "which I refused to read" have been excellent, describing her performance as "thrilling". "
and "moving". "remarkable"

Long haul: With an international and regional tour to follow, including dates in Bogota, Osaka and, um,

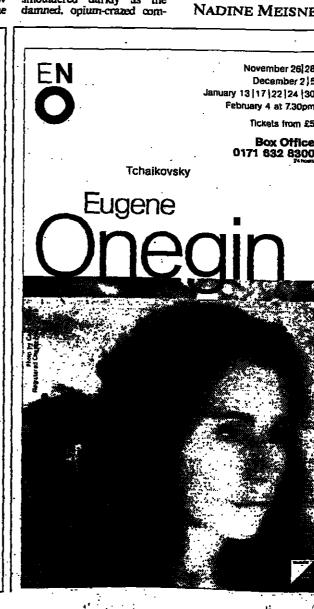
Melton Mowbray, she'll have fallen in love, married and died 171 times by next June "I'm looking forward to the production evolving,"

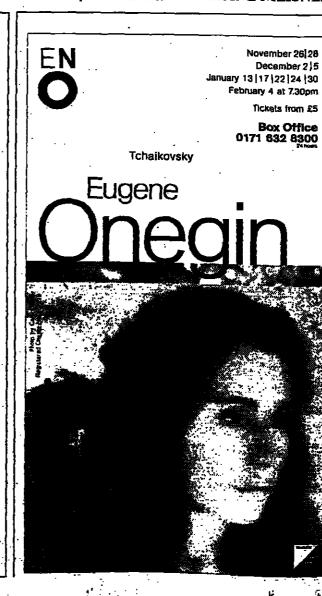
Hippy chic: She grew up in Totnes. Devon, "a haven for exhippies, including my parents, who are both teachers, spent my adolescence barefoot with beads in my hair." Unusual taste in interior decorating: Preparing to play Tuania in a National Youth Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, she was struggling to master

one particularly long speech. "So I painted it on my bedroom wall and learnt it from there." Influences? At RADA, which she left in 1996, voice coach Sue Cowan was "a patient and inspired teacher who opened you up to the possibilities of what your voice can do".

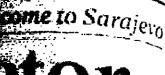
Is she in danger of being typecast? After playing Ophelia opposite Michael Maloney's Hamlet in Greenwich earlier this year, she's well on her way to completing the Shakespeare grand slam of juvenile tragic heroines. After Juliet I'd love to do some hard-hitting, urban new writing. It worries me that people will start to think I'm just a longhaired Shakespearean girl."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL





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# Bigger and very Moorish

f nothing else, Chris Smith's plans for cutting London's operatic activity down to a size more appropriate to new Labour's brave new tabloid world should result in benefits for audiences - for the next six months, at least. Hot on the heels of ENO's outstanding Falstaff comes the Royal Opera with Otello, equally deter-mined to show a packed Albert Hall what it can do best with the most successful "arena" production I have yet en-

This Albert Hall debut was to have been a new Cav and Pag, but the money was not available and they had to fish something out of stock. Elijah Moshinsky and Timothy O'Brien have adapted their production and sets most convincingly: O'Brien's Veronese pillars frame the simplified acting area, and despite the absence of flies his cloths and portcullis somehow rise and fall; Moshinsky's reblocked entrances and exits work well, with two tower structures add-

ed to mimic wings.
The show looks exceedingly handsome and, with almighty cracks of thunder and lightning flashes penetrating every nook and cranny of the hall, gets off to even more thrilling a start than in a conventional opera house.

With the stage built out from the platform and the orchestra sunk in front of it, we are indeed almost in a conventional opera house. There is some jiggery-pokery with the sound — not amplification as such, but "ambient enhancement" or some such weasel words; all I can say is that it isn't necessary, and that despite slightly favouring voices at the expense of the orchestra it is better managed than ever before. You can hear everything, and you need to since the company could not afford surnitles - even cash shortages bring blessings.

The main thing is that what is "enhanced" is so good.



Chorus and orchestra are on cracking form, and as well as being an excellent conductor Jacques Delacôte is highly experienced in such enter-prises; ensemble is as crisp ~ no, crisper — than could reasonably be expected, and simply as an account of the score his reading is absolutely

There are few surprises but solid satisfaction in the sing-ing. The trumpet-toned, leather-lunged Vladimir Bogachev brings real tenorial "ping" as well as some sensitively moulded soft singing to a role often taken by jumped-up baritones, and he will need to be more than ever leatherlunged since, owing to Giuseppe Giacomini's illness, he will now be singing the Moor five nights running (historians will be rifling through archives to see if this has ever happened before - I would guess not).

he amazing Sergei Leiferkus returns as lago, a malevolent snarl on two legs when alone, a smiling, studiously relaxed and poisonously "honest" damned villain in company. His sneer over his prone victim at the third-act curtain freezes the blood. The Desdemona, Daniela

Dessi, is new. Her voice, maybe not flattered by "enhancement, tends to gritti-ness and is not traditionally beautiful, but she has Verdi's idiom at her fingertips and phrases the music with dignity and warmth, saving her best for the Willow Song. Bonaventura Bottone also

makes his company debut as a forthright Cassio, and the supporting roles are well taken. Special circumstances or no, this is a really good show.

RODNEY MILNES



Solid satisfaction: Vladimir Bogachev (who will sing Otello five nights running) listens to Sergei Leiferkus's Iago

# cry for him, Argentina

No need to

Joanna Pitman listens to the fast-

rising young tenor José Cura

osé Cura is an enthusiast. We meet in the office of the young tenor's recording company, Warner Classics, high above Kensington Church Street and we talk, or rather he talks - very quickly and with great focus, clarifying points, cracking jokes, performing for all he is worth. It is easily ten minutes before I can squeeze my second ques-tion past him, and I begin to wonder whether perhaps I should simply have sent a tape recorder round in a taxi — but then I would have missed his one-man talk show. And Cura's show is so good he could sell tickets for it.

"I started playing the guitar when I was 12 because I noticed that people who played the guitar were always surrounded by girls. This was Argentina in the Seventies, It was still the era of the Beatles,

and teenagers like me wanted to imitate them. Life in my country was premy tough, and we used to escape into music. Also I wanted to be the centre of attraction."

Cura got what he wanted. The girls duly flocked, and their admiring eyes have never left him today he positively oozes the virility of Spanish-Lebanese parentage, and that, combined with his exceptional tenor voice and an impassioned acting style, is precisely the sort of package that sets hearts affutter from Minnesota to Melbourne.

bringing was not particularly special. My mother collected records so I heard all sorts of great music from the day I was born. I never thought I would be a professional musician. I just studied composition and conducting for pleasure after school, and then one thing led to another and I started doing music at university in Rosario. I sang in choirs and studied choral technique for a tev years. But when I was 23 I just decided to stop singing because I knew the technique

T is teacher was disappointed, but when Cura makes up his mind to do something, people generally know better than to stand in his way. Three years later, however, fate intervened. "A tenor pulled out of a chamber opera the day before the performance. I knew I could do it, so I just took on the role. I pulled it off and, I don't want to sound arrogant, but people noticed. A famous Argentinian tenor in the audience came to my dressing room afterwards and said: You must study. Your voice is interesting.' I took up singing again. got myself a good teacher, moved to Europe in

[99] and here I am today." Cura today, a 34-year-old resident of Paris, "husband, lover and father of three", stands poised in the early stages of a glorious career as one of the top tenors of his

he met his current teacher Vittorio Terranova and began to concentrate on the Italian operatic style, he has swept across opera stages around the world, singing lead tenor roles and winning rave reviews. But Cura is a risk-taker. For

his first performance as Otello by no means an easy role he chose to sing live for television and radio under the baton of Claudio Abbado with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. "Otello is a role that most singers approach gradually. But I knew I was ready for it and so I did it. People say a lot of things about me but nobody can say I haven't got guts."

He displayed his considerable guts again when deciding to record every Puccini tenor aria in existence at one go for a Warner Classics CD.



Jose Cura, "husband and lover

"My musical upstage in their career would attempt the entire Puccini repertoire of arias. But I did. And I'm glad I did. I was prepared and I sang them in my own way. I sing with sobs and cries. I really take on the characters I am playing and I portray feelings, real suffering. My songs are not like computer music, they are the songs of real people . . . I know there is one note that's flat ir the recording. It could have been simply adjusted by computer, but I didn't want it and repertoire I was being changed because I wanted this to be a natural, real sound, not taught were not right for me." artificial like so many CD

recordings." His next recording will be an album of Argentinian songs, some of his own compo-

generation. Since 1992, when

sition. He will sing in concert with Placido Domingo in London in April next year, and will rush back to his family in Paris. "It's a wonderful way of earning a living, but real life is more important. I'm lucky to have the security of a happy family to come home to. Yes, I am a diva on stage, but at home I am a normal man, I am passionate; I have seen sadness and I am a man who cries very easily..." At this point, the flood of words threatens to turn into a flood of tears. Cura is a consummate actor, but he is also intelligent and charming. If he is moody, I caught him in a good mood. José Cura sings in the Royal Opera House Night of the Stars concert at the Albert Hall

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LAST week was a good one for piano concertos. Just a few days after Peter Maxwell Davies's new concerto for the instrument was introduced to a London audience, that of Thomas Adès also received its London premiere, played and conducted by the composer at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the London Sinfonietta.

The work's title, Concerto Conciso, proclaims its succinctness - a mere ten minutes in duration. But every second is crammed with detail, whether textural or rhythmic. The ensemble is divided into three groups, of which one brings together the piano and a characteristically exotic array of percussion instruments (including temple blocks, log drum, two stones and a piece of foam).

Metrically, the work is hideously complex. The last pages of the first movement, for example, superimpose five different pulses, although the average listener is unlikely to be aware of it. What he or she actually hears is a

# Metre maze



generally syncopated rhythm imparting a jazzy feel.
Paradoxically, despite the

teeming inner life of the piece and the virtuosity required to bring it off - Ades and the Sinfonietta players handled it all superbly — the overriding impression is one of somewhat exiguous invention. But so cleverly is the whole thing put together that one is happily dazzled by it.

Adès's imaginative programming set the work against the backdrop of three unfamiliar scores from the past few decades. The last thing one would expect from the composer of the Romanian Rhapsodies is a score sounding at times like Schoenberg, but Enescu's late Chamber Symphony (1954) irresistibly brought to mind the Viennese composer's first

**CONCERTS:** A dazzling ten minutes of contemporary invention; plus period Handel on a deliciously small scale

essay in the same genre. Niccolo Castiglioni's Cantus Planus II, on the other hand, echoed Webern in its terse, precisely coloured gestures. Its 12 verses are set for two voices, and Nicole Tibbels and Teresa Shaw brought to it exactly the con-

centrated focus it demands. Unfolding on a larger scale is the Concerto of Jean Barraqué, which sets solo clarinet (Timothy Lines) and vibraphone (David Hockings) against a chamber ensemble subdivided not unlike Adès's concerto. Stark eruptions alternate with passages of mollifying lyricism, but although the progress is piecemeal, it cohered, in this superbly executed performance, in a wholly convinc-

> BARRY MILLINGTON

**Feasting** STATIONERS' Hall has been all too rarely used as a concert venue. With a musical history stretching back to the 17th century, when Purcell composed his ode Hail! Bright Cecilia for performance on that saint's feastday in 1692, it is a splendid

and appropriate venue for Baroque music. Now in its third year, the Saint Ceciliatide International Festival of Music opened with Handel's setting of Dryden's ode, Alexander's Feast, or the Power of Musick, a text that had already been set to music by Jeremiah Clarke and premiered at the Cecilian festivities in Sta-tioners' Hall 300 years ago. That work has been lost, but Handel's version - first

heard in Covent Garden in

1736 - is well-established. Alexander's Feast displays all Handel's dramatic skills as well as a new and forwardlooking flexibility in his approach to musical form. Dryden's vivid handling of the subject-matter - Timotheus, legendary lyre player of the

# off Alex

Flori Musicali Stationers' Hall

ancient world, convinces Alexander of music's ability to soothe, incite and inspire itself inspired Handel to a brilliantly evocative score of great depth and beauty. The impact of the small-scale, period-instrument forces of Fiori Musicali in the lively acoustics of Stationers' Hall was strong despite some shortcomings in the performance as a whole.

Chief among these was the singing of soprano soloist Patrizia Kwella which, for much of the time, was unsettled in tone and wayward in intonation, although when it all came together, as in the battle song of the fifth stanza, there were glimpses of a

concerto that follows, right on cue, the description of Timotheus's "Flying Fin-gers". The clinking of bottles

potentially compelling inter-

pretation. Nicholas Hurn-

dall-Smith's sweet-toned

light tenor sounded very well

in such a resonant space.

while Jozik Koc's bass was

almost too powerful at times,

though he did bring a spec-

tral quality to the evocation

of the "Grecian ghosts, that in battle were slain".

Fiori Musicali were well

drilled by their director Pe-

nelope Kapson, apart from

the odd hiatus, and there was

a nicely flowing account by

Frances Kelly of the harp

The orchestra and choir of

in preparation for the postconcert banquet was sadiy mistimed, accompanying the lament for the fallen hero Darius rather than the Paean to Bacchus in the previous stanza. The Festival lasts for a week, with a repeat periormance of Alexander's Feast next Saturday.

TESS KNIGHTON

# Out of the forests and into the Barbican

very Londoner loves to hate the Barbican. But imagine what might have happened had a Finnish architect been at the helm in 1972. Just imagine ... and see a tiny glimpse of it come true as a six-week celebration of Finnish culture opens at the Barbican, and its spaces - from lake through to foyers, halls and galleries - be-come temporarily transformed by the work of the 26-year-old Kivi Sotamaa and Markus Holmsten. two of Finland's youngest and most revolutionary architects.

The festival is called Valo, Finnish for light. For nothing is more essential to an understanding of Finnish culture. In a country where land is just a thin horizontal line between vast spaces of sky and water, artists and architects have centenary of the great architect

developed a unique visual sense, their artefacts intensely fused with the qualities of the natural

environment.

It is now accepted that Finland was the source of the new architectural regionalism which has pointed a way out of the dead-end of postmodernism. In his compelling study of Nordic architecture. Nightlands (MIT, 1996), Christian Norberg-Schulz attributes the country's visual acuity to the possibilities for freedom in a land of infinite extension. It is no accident that in 1998, the year of the

ARCHITECTURE: A Finnish festival in London is showcasing an approach to design inspired by nature. Hilary Finch reports

many disparate elements. Sota-Alvar Aalto, a new, all-wood con-

cert hall will rise from the lakeshore in Lahti, 60 miles north of Helsinki. And in the capital itself the new Museum of Contemporary Art, with its highly innovative use of light and interactive spaces, will open in the centre of town. So, in this festival of visual arts. music, literature and film, it is

appropriate that an architectural

concept should draw together its

maa's and Holmsten's concept has

been variously described as a large, folded sequence of spaces, a "surfscape" and an archipelago. Sotamaa and Holmsten work as the Helsinki partners of O.C.E.A.N, a new network of crossdisciplinary architectural practices. They foster the hitherto heretical notion of open accessibility and collective interchange of ideas and data. Urban design, architecture, installation art must, they claim, be interactive.

Furniture can be seen as an extension of urban space; building as an intensification of landscape. A commission for an embassy will be designed so that "in years to come, it can be used for something entirely different". Space is flexible, constantly evolving, always "decodBarbican, and you might get some idea. But stop awhile in the Concourse Gallery, for here, within the shifting lights of Valo, is the total darkness of a Finnish winter. An exhibition called Talvi (Winter) features six of Finland's renowned textile artists - all of them women.

Walk through it all at the

In an old converted railway station, home and studio deep within the forest lakeland of southeast Finland, I met Maisa Tikkanen, pioneer in felt textile design. For centuries the Finns had been using felt for clothing and shoes; but, after seeing a film in

1972 about Turkomen women making their nomadic tents out of feft, Tikkanen was determined to create her own method. Laver upon laver. the wool fibres are pressed into shape and shade. A shaft of amber light pierces shifting blues and indigos; the textures of mosses and lichens are evoked in huge hangings for public buildings.

Tikkanen's latest work lets in more light, more air. Alfa and Omega, created last year for the Savonlinna Art Museum, reflects a new obsession with the bare patterms of roots, creepers, branches. This, for Tikkanen, is talvi or winter, "undressing nature, stripping it of foliage: the beginning and the end of a new life".

● Valo runs at the Barbican Centre (0171-638 &91) until Jan 1



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MCZART AND WOMEN OF NOTE: Joan Balwwell introduces an evening of music by the all-ternale Ambache Chamber Orchestra which focuses on women composers with Mozart the notable exception. The group's founder, Diana Ambache directs and plays the plano in a programme which includes works by Marie Grandies, Garmaine Tailleterre and Louise Farrenc, ending with Mozart's Pranc Concerto in C.

Elizabath Layton co-directs. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, SE ( (0171-960 4242), Tonight, 7,45pm ONE MORE WASTED YEAR: Opening of the first of a series of international seasons: the time playe from France, Spain and Germany Christophe Pellet's play presents three youngsh cate philosopher types, wondeang how to enjoy the Mary Peatle directs a high level cast. Royal Court Upstains (Ambassedors), West St. WC2 (D171-565 5000). Opens tonlight, 8 45pm. Then tomorrow-Sat, 8,45pm. In risp from Dec 9 Opening of the first of a se

ORPHEUS Kenneth McLeish pute translation aside to write a play of his own, derived from the Greek myth Actors Tourng Company production to Nick Philippou, with Arm Fitbank, Shelley King and Gary Turner Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 9701) Opens tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 80m; mat Sat, 4 30pm, Until Dec 6 (5)

spm; mar Sar, 4 30pm time uses by conducts the Bournermouth Symphony Orchestra in this armust event under the auspices of the Queen. On the evening's programme are the National Ambern, Brahms's Academic Festival Overture, Brahms's Academic Festival Overture, Brahms's Academic Festival Overture, Bray's Cello Concerto, Straus; a Till Eutenspaged and Stravinski's Firebird Suite With collo solicits Steven Issertis, and Lesly Genetii as the speaking Barbitann, Sti. Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tongitt, 7 30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargie

HINGHAM: A syss-day Czeci

Pestival starts here torkight as the Czech National Symphony Orchestra makes its first appearance in Britain with

a mot of familiar as well as lesses-known works by Czech masters. On torogra's musical menu are works by Smetane. Dvolčák, Sik and Janáček. Libor Pešek conducts

Symphony Helli, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Tonght, 8pm Separate programmes on Fri and Sat, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

Yakov Kreizberg swings the baton at the Barbican

THEATRE GUIDE

Berblean, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-838 8891), Mon-Sal, 7,15pm; mats Thur and Sal, 2pm, Uniti Nov 22, 5

An IDEAL HUSBAND: Return of Peter Half's enjoyable production, brimful of deceptions. Starting Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and Kate.

O'Mara as the svette troublemaker Gleigud, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mais Thur 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

In SCRSSOR HAPPY: Comedy whodurnt where the audience can play detective. Adapted by Nell Mullarkey. Ley Simpson and Jim Sweeney. Duchess, Catherine Streat, WC2 (0171-494-5075), Mon-Hi, Spm; Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm; met Wed,

SHE KNOWS YOU KNOW! Jean

Listanse Notifice and stars in this file story of the comic Hydra Belear. Vaudeville Theathe, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, Sprn; mats Wed and Set, 3pm. Until December 7.

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SCISSOR HAPPY: Cornect

D BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: Draney's firm turned into a fit Broadw musical Julia-Alanah Brighten and Alasdar Harvey as the leads, with Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Darek Griffiths Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060) Mon-Set, 7.30pm; met

☐ THE BOYS IN THE BAND: Mart Crowley's ground-breaking gay play from 1988 now something of a period gace with sit gay meens with but wretched' message. Transfer from the King's Head, Islangton Aldwyeth, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 8003), Mon-Sat, Born; mets Thur and Sat, 3pm

Si CHICAGO: Revised version of the celebrated Kander & Eto musical directed by Walter Bobble. A mutil-Tony werner on Broadway bast year Starting Ruthe Herishall, Ute Lemper, Heriny Goodman end Nigel Planer.
Adelphi, Strand, London WCC (0171-144 01651 Mos. St.) Bros. materials (0171-144 01651 Mos. St.) 344 0055). Mon-Sal, 8pm; mats Wed and Sal, 2 30pm.

C) END OF THE AFFAIR: Jaspe Britton and Caroline Faber in an adaptation of Graham Greene's no set during the London Blitz. Directed by Rupert Goold and first seen at isbury Playhouse. Ideweil, Bride Lane EC4 (0171-938 56) Opens tonight, 7 30pm. Then e-Sat, 7 30pm; mat Sun, 3 30pm.

ED HENRY V: Michael Sheen plays the wartive Henry in Ron Denlets's Stratford, perhaps in better shape after its tour. Good performance by Kartre Arters and Stratford and Strategy and Strate

**NEW RELEASES** 

CHASING AMY [18): Come-book artist finds himself in love with a lesbian Appealing new film from Clerks director Kevin Smith, with Ben Affleck and Joey

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FULL CONTACT (18) Routine Hong Kong gangster tare, with Chow Yun Fet and much violent action. Director.

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CINEMA GUIDE

LAST SUMMER IN THE HAMPTONS (15) Loves and deceptions of theatre look at a Long Island summer retreat. Beguing film from American maveno Henry Jaglom, with Victoria Foyt and

Viveca Lindfors. Nature (0171-437 0757) Odeon Camden Town (0181-315 4255) + TRIAL AND ERROR (12): Actor steps in for hung-over attorney and detends a traud case. Lame, uncertain comedy, with Michael Richerds and Jeff

CURRENT

 FACE/OFF (18): PBI agent John
Travoita and terrorist Nicolas Cage swap
Identities Outrageous thriller that never knows when to stop, John Woo directs ABC Totlenham Colut Road (0171-ABC Tothunham Cotart Road (0171-536 6148) Capham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Greenwich (0181-235 3005) Odeonas Camden (0181-315 4259) Kersington (0181-315 4214) Lelcaster Sq (0181-315 4215) Markle Arch (0181-315 4216) Swiss Cotage (0181-315 4220) Rizzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Green (0171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (2) (0181-3520) Uci Whiteleys (2) (0181-352 5096)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre. LA. CONFIDENTIAL (15): Smashing drame about corruption in LA in the early 1950s, with Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Peerce and Darny DeVito, Director,

60\$4) . . . . The Wome Fortune (0171-836 2238)

HIUDDERSFIELD: The hydoershed commongory Music Festival isuniches to 20th season with a visit by the Vienne Art Orchestra. Entitled An Echo Iron Europe from Diango Reinhardt to Dyango Bates, the evening's programma festures a mix of jezz and classical sounds with music by Bany Guy.
Courtney Prine, Jan Garbarek, the two

Lawrence Bettey, Queen's Square (01484 430528), Tonight, 7.30pm. (2)

LIVERPOOL: Yet another event with a

LIVERPOOLS Yet another event with a strong Czech flavour takes place tonight as the Royal Liverpool Philitermonic Orchestre under its principal conductor Petr Altrichter performs works by burdle and Mattinia A taste of Russia is added with a performance of Tchsitovsky's Plano Concerto No 1 played by Botts Berezzosky. Philitermonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Adrian Mobile dreats Helen Schleeinger and Clare Hohman as Viola and Olivia in Twelfith Night. The cast elso includes David Calder. Stephen Boser and Phili Voss as Makobio. Royal Shakespeare Theetre, Waterside (01789 295623), Praviews trom tongist, 7.30pm. Opens Nov 25, 7pm. in repertoire.

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N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Set, 7.30pm; mat Set, 3pm, Until November 29, (6)

LI A VIEW PHOM I HIS SHAUSE: Powerful playing by Deamond Bentl as Antrum Miller's longshoreman destroyed by Inceskous feelings for his risios Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-856 7755), Mon-Sat, 745pm; mar Sat, 2.30pm, Until November 29, (§)

☐ WAITING FOR GODOT: Peter Hall, who directed the British premiere in 1955, directs Alan Howard and Ban Kingsiey in Beckett's finest drams.
Old Vie, Watertoo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm in rep.

☐ WOYZECK: Sarah Kane's gripping

production of Buchner's tragedy of a common men. Riveting perferningness by Michael Shannon and Kate Admittel Gate Tiseatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, Wrl (10171-229 0706 Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Unit November 22.

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◆ A LIFE LESS ORIDINARY (15): Janitor and American heiress finally fall in love. Odd mix of comedy, fantasy in love, Odd rate of corredy, fantasy and romance from the Transpotting team. With Ewan McGregor and Cameron Diez Director, Damy Boyle. Odeons: Caraden Town (0181-315 4255) Kernsington (0181-315 4214) Phaza (5) (0390 888950) UC1 Whiteleys (5) (0390 888950) Urghas: Fulham Road (0171-474 2636) Thocadoro (6) (0171-474 4343)

WILDE (15): Stephen Fry as Oscar Wilde fine and touching, though the firm is more timid than you might expect. Conventional direction by Bran Gilbert. Chalase (0171-351 3742) Odeons: Naymarinet (0181-315 4214) Sedan Cottage (0181-315 4220) Pilitay (0171-372 7212) Screen/Balter St (0171-935 2772) UCI Whitseleys () (0990 889990) Warner () (0171-437 4343)



Thanks to Birmingham Royal Ballet, which gave the sets and costumes for La Fille mal gardée free of charge, Scottish Ballet has a Christmas show

# He who pays the piper

with skill, experience and dedication to join Scottish Ballet. Aspiring Darcey Bussells and Irek Mukhamedovs need not apply: what the company wants now isn't dancers, but directors.

Indeed, if the recent advertisements are anything to go by, more than one set of skills is still lacking: expertise in "dance, theatre, finance, human relations, fundraising, communications and marketing" are all required as Scottish Ballet searches for a new role in the world of dance.

Not that the new threemember board has had much time to assess the company's needs, hastened into place as they were to comply with the Scottish Arts Council's demand that the former board resign en masse if the company was to receive the next tranche of its £2.1 million annual subsidy. That demand - and the crisis it created for Scotland's national dance company - arose out of a complicated situation involving not just Scottish Ballet and its principal funder, but also the country's other major performing arts companies: Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

It began with a threat from Scottish Opera to go part-time in the face of a subsidy shortfall and continued with the realisation that all four Scottish companies were facing financial meltdown. Evenmally, a Scottish Officebacked £2.4 million rescue plan emerged, involving orchestral provision for the opera and ballet being provided by the three full-time orchestras - Scottish Opera, the RSNO and SCO - with Scottish Ballet's freelance orchestra being disbanded. Scot-

Two months ago Scottish Ballet almost went out of business. But as Christopher Bowen reports, it's not the only Scottish arts organisation to find itself in trouble

rish Ballet would receive compensatory funding, and all four would investigate other cost savings. Scottish Ballet, vever, refused to play ball and quit the negotiations after failing to receive a guarantee that it would not be financially worse off under the new arrangement.

That exit lost Scottish Ballet its share of the rescue package, but doubts over the company's long-term financial viability also cost it a Scottish Arts Council-administered lottery application to fund a new Christmas show, just as the SAC's own Dance Panel was recommending that the balance of Scottish Ballet's core funding be withheld on the grounds that the company wasn't performing enough to merit its annual subsidy. The SAC's response was to ask lers doard to sti down, and for a new board drastically to reshape the company, or face closure.

Seona Reid, director of the Scottish Arts Council, is aware that any reshaping will take time: "It is for the board to decide the nature of Scottish Ballet's artistic vision, and that can't be articulated fully until they find an artistic director. But the broad principle is that the company should be a dynamic, classically-based ensemble rooted in Scottish culture - and I don't mean Riverdance in kilts - making links with Scottish designers and composers. There should be a Scottish resonance to the

Not that there is much Scottish resonance in the company's forthcoming produc-

tion of Frederick Ashton's La Fille mal gardée, which is happening because Birmingham Royal Ballet stepped in to offer its sets and costumes free of charge to Scottish Ballet when its new Christmas show was aborted And Scottish Ballet's chairman, John Moreland, seems even less sure when it comes to defining just what a "classically-based company" means in Scottish

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terms. The company's core of dancers is "our greatest asset", he says. But the board is unsure quite how many of them it will be able to retain. And next spring's touring schedule remains an unknown quantity after the company's main Scottish venues in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen rejected its proposed programme.

In the meantime, the board has a double task, to find "a new vision and a new artistic director. It's a bit chicken and egg," says Moreland. "You have to have the vision before knowing what you want from a director.

And the director? "We want a star, somebody big in the world of dance. It's just like saying to an artist, this is the frame for a picture to fit my lounge, do something magnifi-cent inside it. "

If "doing something magnif-icent" means a redefinition of the company's identity, that is something the board seems prepared to live with. Indeed, redefinition - arising in part from the Scottish Arts Council's new funding decisions is taking place in a number of companies across Scotland. The result, as Seona Reid recognises, is a crisis in some arts and some organisations", while other sectors are "extraordinarily buoyant and doing extremely well".

buoyancy, is what Robert tough choices will have to be Pabner is most aware of many about the country's aris ially in the theatre. Soon to depart after almost ten years as Glasgow City Council's performing arts supremo, he has suffered a 6 to 9 per cent cut in his department's funding every year for the past four years. Now, the long-estab-lished touring company Wild-cat has had its Scottish Arts Council core funding withdrawn: Glasgow's Citizens and the innovative Tron Theatres are both offering reduced programmes: even Glasgow's one-time cultural flagship, Maylest, has been allowed to

go to the wall. But Palmer rejects any prospect of imminent artistic collapse in the city: "Is cultural life in Glasgow in crisis? I don't think so. The energies are still there. But we're not fed by the energy of the city as

Glasgow is in a state of transition, but if there isn't ani end to it pretty soon, there will: be a crisis."

Reid recognises the problems; her arts panels regularly: receive six times as many funding applications as they can support. There has been a decline in the money available: a huge cut in local authority funding and in real! terms a 1 per cent cut from the Scottish Arts Council."

t is tempting, with local' authorities up against the wall and increased demands on SAC resources, to wonder if Scotland, with a population of fivemillion, can continue to sustain its national arts institutions - full-scale opera and ballet companies with their own musical resource, a symphony and chamber orchestraplus the BBC Scottish Symphony. As Scotland prepares Crisis, however, rather than for its own Parliament, some

> But Ruth Mackenzie, the newly-installed head of Scortish Opera, is grateful that someone at least is prepared to take hard decisions. "Of scourse the SAC doesn't have enough money, but in England the crisis is that nobody takes any decisions: the funding bodies stick with equal misery for all. At the end, the point of the funding system is to take those horrible decisions that none of us in the arts could possibly voice.

"We're a funny lot in this business; on the one hand, we strive for new developments, new visions. Then, when the status quo changes, we scream blue murder." ● La Fille mai gardée opens at the

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into the new mil-

emium, all eyes will turn to what until recently ranked as one of the ugliest and foulest

Greenwich, peninsula, which will host the mother of

all new year parties focused on the Millennium Dome, was polluted by decades as home to

a huge gasworks. Other parts of the peninsula became a vile aubbish dump and scrapyard

for much of southeast London.

Anyone who ever queued on

he peninsula to travel north

through the Blackwall Tunnel in the 1980s can testify to the foxious odours, which could

Now a massive clean-up of the 300-acre site is expected to

be finished by early next year. The first poles of the Millenni-

um Dome are in place and

levelopers are hotly com-

eting for contracts to build thousands of homes next to the Millennium Exhibition site.

With the Government anxibus for new homes to be built

on other so-called brownfield

ites, how has Greenwich

managed to clean up its act?

And where there was muck in

abundance, will there now be

The main cost of cleaning the site has been met by Bri-tish Gas, but responsibility for

checking that it is safe to live -

as well as to party - also rests

with Greenwich council, the

the Environment Department,

English Partnerships, which owns the site, and the New Millennium Experience.
All are determined that there should be absolutely no

Millennium Exhibition or oth-

The level of pollution on

It has always been accepted

However, he stresses: "It is of

prime importance that each

area is safe for its intended

use. For example, areas which will in future form the gardens

of homes will have the highest

level of cleansing to prevent

any material leaching through

the soil." The council points

out that the peninsula is just

NORTH OF THE

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one brownfield site being rede-

veloped in the borough. "Over-

the years; Greenwich's envi-

ronmental health officers have

developed an expertise in assessing and monitoring the

cleaning-up of land prior to its

The gasworks dominated the peninsula from the late

19th century until the 1970s,

when North Sea gas made it

redundant. Much of the land

was then used by haulage

companies, waste transfer sta-

tions, scrapyards and other

The scale of the main clean-

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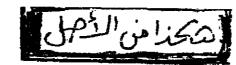
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risk to the health of either visitors to or workers at the er areas of the peninsula". English Partnerships is the government agency responsible for regenerating derelict and vacant land with the help of public, private and voluntary organisations. Greewich peninsula was so Trian et high that a spokesman from Greenwich council concedes: that the site will not be totally cleared of contamination.

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exhibition site and a shortlist

of developers consortiums

was announced in September.

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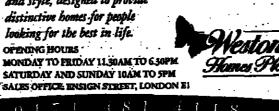
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years by the trust and by Peter and Vanessa Sorton, who have lived on the island for the past four years. An Italian garden has been created and the villa's interior restored. The couple have to move back to Keswick on the mainland. Mr Sorton, a forensic scientist, says: "We love the place, but the lake can freeze, and sometimes there are force 8 gales, when the winds funnel along the valley."
The island has

chequered history. In the 12th century, it fell into the hands of Fountains Abbey. In 1539 it passed to the Crown, then to a German mining company. In 1778 it was bought by Joseph Pocklington, of Nottinghamshire, whom Words worth dubbed the "alien

isting house, now much altered, as well as several fol-

THE National Trust is lodge. Local people were enraged, and many of his eccentric schemes were reversed by later owners.

Derwent Island, as it became known in the 19th century, was given to the trust in 1951 by the Marshall family, who had lived there since 1844. They made great improvements to the house, extending it and redesigning

the interiors. Numerous period fur-nishings and paintings collected by the family remain in the house, in-cluding works by Sir Ed-win Landseer and Henry

Knight Frank is handling the tenancy for the trust. Tenants would have to pay a £35,000 premium to obtain the lease, and the rent and length of the tenancy are negotiable.

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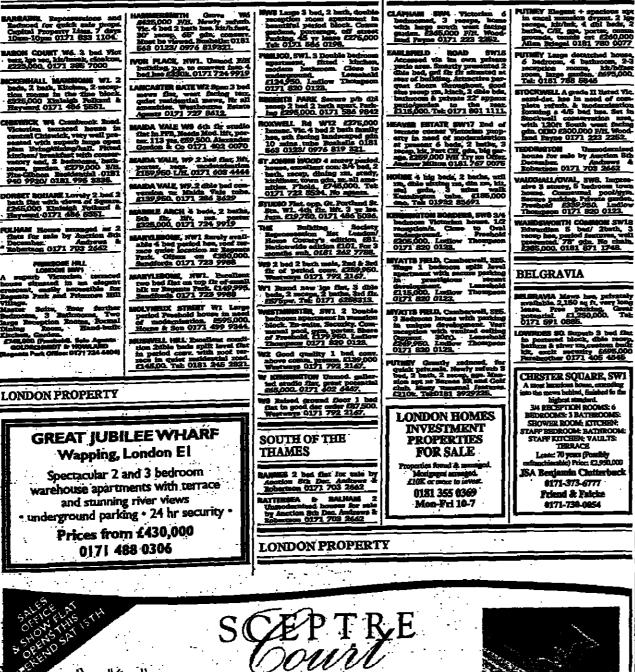
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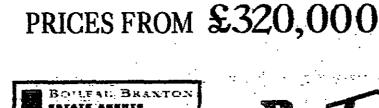
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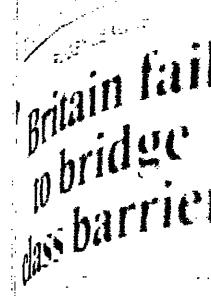
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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

# Britain fail to bridge class barrier

By Christopher Invine

THE front page headline in brushing up the players. the League Express newspaper summed up the despondency after Australia's 2-1 victory in the British Gas series. "Can Britain ever win?" it asked.

Australia have maintained their 24-year dominance, prompting the familiar soul-searching about where it leaves rugby league in this country and the direction it needs to take.

Even if Great Britain had won the deciding match on Sunday, rather then meekly. capitulating, it would hardly have been an instant cure for the game's ills - but at least it would have been a rallying point around which the game's administrators and potential backers could have gathered to develop the sport with confidence, particularly after the shambles of the world club championship. Instead, the inferiority complex that was redolent of Britain's pitiful first-half display at Elland Road has deepened.

Comparing English rugby league to its Australian counterpart is roughly equivalent to contrasting English and Australian football. Australian players are the product of a well-stocked, wealthy and influential system — albeit it one split in two at the moment which Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumbria have no hope of matching, even as lip service is paid to development.

Australia identified many years ago that young players were the future. The one encouragement to emerge in Britain recently is the cooperation between the Rugby Football League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association to foster the junior game. The basics should be ingrained early, but, in a telling comment before the series began, Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, said that he could have spent days just

It was not simply that Australia were stronger and more athletic - they were not as prone as Britain were (at least not at Wembley and Elland Road) to the panic-strewn errors responsible for seven tries in the 37-20 defeat on Sunday. No amount of criticism of the league structure in Britain can absolve the

players from blame for that. Although good enough for one win in each of the four series since 1988, in all matches that have mattered against Australia, including the 1992 and 1995 World Cup finals, Britain have lost. The pressure situation brings the best out of Australia precisely because they are used to a similar intensity week-in, week-out at home, whereas there is barely of quorum of decent homegrown players at some British Super League clubs to ensure the same level of competitive-

Too many second-rate Australians are filling the gaps in British teams and the same arguments about too many clubs chasing too few players who are good enough — arguments that are rehearsed after every series defeat -broadly remain the same. With rugby league's produc-tion bed so small and concentrated, the danger of cutting out too much of what is perceived to be dead wood is that the roots may be also removed.

Expansion to Wales, Scot-land or wherever might fulfil the franchising criteria of the Super League contract, but it is unlikely in the short-tomedium term to close the gap on Australia, a gap that can only widen if a united team, with the Australian Rugby League players on board, can be agreed for the World Cup next year.

# Judgment day for title chasers

ife is a breeze for Nick Hornby these days. The film rights to his novels are fought over in Hollywood for mil-I lions of pounds and his books outsell those of Booker Prize winners. He may not remember the details of his rise to the top, but others do. They are desperate to imitate him.
"Hornby's Fever Pitch his first book] would have made it anyway, but we gave it a helping hand," John Caustad said. He is chairman of the adjudicating panel for the William Hill sports book of the year award, which Hornby won five years ago. "Our prize was the only one the book ever received."

It was a turning point, not only for the author but for the award, which will be delivered to the 1997 winner, presently residing among an expectant shortlist of six candidates, this aftermoon. "When we met to choose the first winner in 1989, I do not recall us taking it particularly seriously," Gaustad said. "There was a lot of scepticism about the award, especially

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Strengths: Highly informed, Handles the narrative road with

Weaknesses: May be left choking on fumes of Government's

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Author: Multi-skilled and much-travelled journalist, who

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By Richard Williams (Viking, £16.99)

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writes for The Guardian.

Simon Wilde casts a critical eye over

the half dozen shortlisted for the William Hill sports book of the year

among publishers and others in the book trade. They frowned on the involvement of a bookmaker. It gradually emerged that this was indeed something of merit."

Nowadays, budding authors are only too well aware of the 5,000 guineas first prize and the likelihood that success would at least double sales, not to mention the prospect of "doing a Homby. Publishers are equally keen to produce winners from their stables: there is one, in particular, whose books show

every sign of being tailored with this aim in mind. It is now accepted wisdom that entrants must either tell the judges something they did not know, or give them a familiar subject with an original slant, but approach is one thing, suitably good writing another. Nor do established reputations count for anything with Gaustad's peppery cohort of Lord Howell, Hugh McIlvanney, Cliff Morgan, Ian Wooldridge and Frances

Only one standard biography has ever won, though there are two on this year's shortlist, and the range of sports is democratically wide. Football and boxing have been the successful themes twice; rowing, cycling, golf and rugby union once each. One of the strongest contenders for this year's prize is Simon Hughes's honest, entertaining and picaresque account of his 14 seasons as a county cricketer. The favourite is Richard Williams's portrayal of life on the Formula One circuit.

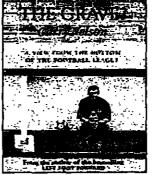


# A LOT OF HARD YAKKA

By Simon Hughes (Headline, £16.99) Subject: Gossipy, irreverent and unprecedentedly frank dressing-room diary, spread over 15 years, of life as a county cricketer. Sets author's own heart-on-sleeve tale against the backdrop of an indolent English system struggling to keep pace in a game that was developing rapidly elsewhere.

Strengths: As life-lived-through-sport, it is pure Hornby, while the sex-and-booze boys-on-tour elements tap into the Loaded market. The book that cricket needed. Weaknesses: Ethical question about authenticity. Did

Hughes really carry a notebook in his bag throughout? Author: Former Middlesex and Durham player turned Daily Telegraph and BBC Television factorum.



#### LEFT FOOT IN THE GRAVE?

By Garry Neison (CollinsWillow, £14.99)

Subject: Sensitive and candid locker-room diary by player-coach of Torquay United, basement-dwellers of the English pro-fessional football community. In sport, realism does not come much gritter than this: the club had no money and rarely won, but what does that matter when you love the game?

Strengths: Eye for irony and this-is-as-it-really-is pragmatism. Gets William Hill and McIlvanney into first 16 pages. Weaknesses: People can bear only so much reality. As with previous book, Left Foot Forward, which shortlisted in 1995, required the collaboration of Anthony Fowles.

Author: 18 years a professional player, now chief executive of Professional Footballers' Association.

# GOLDEN BOY: WILF MANNION

By Nick Varley (Aurum Press, £14.95)

Subject: First biography of neglected football legend, who went from rags to riches and back. Rose from urchin to England inside forward, then martyred himself in fight against enslavement of professionals. Without today's inflated wages or jobs for old boys, he reached his nadir working as a tea-boy. Strengths: Deals with contemporary themes such as players' rights, bungs and bribes. Reminds Wooldridge that he called for sympathetic telling of the Mannion story 41 years ago. Weaknesses: Highly conventional method and turn of phrase. Perhaps too reverential.

Author: Former north-east football reporter, now with The Guardian.



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Weaknesses: Lumbers along, with author's imagination not given enough of the ball. Thunder of passages on Bath stolen by BBC Television's The Rugby Club.

Author: Former Bath, England and British Lions player, since turned newspaper columnist and television pundit.



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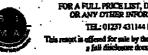
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CRICKET: WALSH'S MISS UNDERLINES DISPIRITED MOOD OF WEST INDIES AFTER DEPRESSING DAY

# Pakistan assume position of total command

From Michael Henderson in peshawar

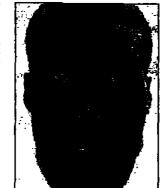
SLOWLY, but no less steadily for that, Pakistan are building a significant lead in this first Test against West Indies here. They batted through the second day to end it on 246 for five, a lead of 95, and if they establish an advantage of 175 runs before West indies but a second time, they will expect to win inside four days.

There were some unhappy and footsore men wearing maroon caps at the end of a day memorable chiefly for the fact that Ambrose failed to take a wicket. It cannot have occurred many times in his distinguished Test career that an innings has lasted 87 overs without any contribution from him. He bowled well enough here, but the fact remains as plain as the nose on his face nought for 58 so far.

He was not at all pleased to leave the field three balls early after the batsmen accepted an offer of bad light for the second successive day. Perhaps his frustration was directly partly at himself, for he had just been no-balled for bowling short, twice, at Moin Khan. The five runs that Azhar Mahmood had taken earlier in the over, when Walsh's run-out attempt led to four overthrows, did little to lighten his mood.

indeed, it was a galling day for Walsh and his men. The crowd pelted boundary fielders with food, stopping play on three occasions, and the captain dropped the sort of dolly at mid-on when Inzamam was five that reduces spectators to helpless laughter.

His players were less amused and Lara, at slip, fell to his knees in despair. There had been a clue in the morning that captain and captain manqué do not share the same vision. As Walsh left the field for minor repairs, Lara immediately withdrew Simmons



Ambrose: frustrated

over and called upon Lewis. the leg spinner, for his first bowl in Test cricket.

It was a reasonable decision. Simmons is not remotely good enough a bowler at this level and, on the same pitch that Mushtaq had taken five wickets the day before, Lewis was surely worth a go. In fact his 19 overs brought no wicket for 70 runs and highlighted the vast disparity between these teams in bowling resources. Lewis looks no more than a net bowler.

Pakistan should really have had a better day than they did when Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed were making 133 for

# SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First linnings 151 (Mushtac Ahmed 5-35)

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Aemir Schall c Lara b Welsh
Jaz Ahmed c Hooper b Bishop
Mohemmed Wasem b Walsh
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Azhar Mahmood not out
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-143, 3-145, 4-BCM/LING: Ambrose 17.3-3-58-0; Walsh 16-5-30-2; Bishop 16-4-44-1; Simmons 1-0-4-0; Lawis 19-5-70-0; Hooper 17-6-37-2.

the second wicket. It was possible to see them carrying a lead of 150 into the third day. Saeed — compact in defence, elegant in attack, particularly through the on side — played quite beautifully.

Ijaz, of course, is a different

character altogether. He lived dangerously early on and, even when he found the boundary, it tended to be with one of those undecorous forehand smashes. No matter, it works for him and the partnership was a fascinating alliance of styles. Both bats-men made 65, but there was no doubting whose innings was the better to watch.

Hooper's gentle off spin accounted for Saeed, and Bishop, changing ends after a wayward first spell, got ljaz in a much-improved second one. It was during that spell that Walsh committed his howler with the dropped catch and West Indies must have known then that they would have to live off scraps.

Mohammed Wasim, after

plundering some pleasing runs through mid-wicket, was bowled off an inside edge. Wasim Akram, going in ahead of Mahmood, hardly justified his promotion. He nudged five singles and then advanced so far down the pitch to clatter Hooper into the stands that he was almost within greeting distance of the bowler when Williams removed the bails.

Moin, batting more sensibly, made sure that there were no further mishaps and, to the delight of the partisans, he drove Lewis high and straight

It was not quite the shot of the day. That belonged to the chief of police, who booted some miscreant up the backas he was being frogmarched out of the ground. They could use a man like that at Headingley.



# Gallian confirms move

JASON GALLIAN will confirm today his decision to join Nottinghamshire after rejecting offers from Middlesex and Glamorgan. He left Lan-cashire at the end of last season and has agreed a three-year contract at Trent

Bridge.
Alan Ormrod, the Notting-hamshire team manager, said: "He wants to get his international career back on line and feels the best chance of doing it is with us. He is one of the best opening batsmen in the country, so I think he has every chance." It was Ormrod, while at Lancashire, who originally persuaded Gallian to leave Australia and gave him his county debut

By RICHARD HOBSON Adams. The two held talks on after a four-year qualification Monday, but Ormrod said the offer was "nowhere near" the

period. Gallian, 26, made the last of his three Test appearances in South Africa two years ago, but scored only 394 runs in the county championship last season at an average of 26.26. His departure from Old Trafford was widely expected and, with the emergence of Nathan Wood and Andrew Flintoff, not long mourned. Nottinghamshire see him as a successor to Tim Robinson, who retires at the end of next season, as the cornerstone of the innings and a future captain.

Ormrod said that the signing would not affect Notting-

season, against Sussex and Derbyshire, on Monday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 5. The matches will be in August to avoid a clash with the World Cup finals.

£85,000-a-year purportedly on the table from Sussex.

☐ Surrey will stage two Ara Life League day-night match-es under floodlights within 48

hours of one another next

☐ Javagal Srinath returns after a shoulder injury to lead the India attack in the first Test match against Sri Lanka, which begins in Mohali

**TENNIS** 

# Pierce looks the part as French take lead roles

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

with varying degrees of success and defiance by Mary Pierce, Nathalie Tauziat and Sandrine Testud on Monday night in the open-ing round of the Chase Championships.

Pierce marked her return to

fitness and form with a straighfforward victory over Sabine Appelmans, 6-3, 6-4, Tauziat overwhelmed the No 4 seed, Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-3, while Testud gave Irina Spirlea, the No 8 seed, the runaround for three sets before

losing 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 For Pierce, the victory was sweet. Her career has been a mixture of fame and misfor-tune. When she won the Australian Open in 1995, she became better known for the antics of her father than her tennis and as she changed coaches, gained weight and struggled with a shoulder injury, 1996 turned into a year to forget."

This year has been much better as she has fought her way back into the top ten and helped France to win the Fed Cup. However, just when everything was going well, she was laid low by a kidney infection, missed three tournaments and was beaten by Serena Williams in Chicago on her return. That made her pull out of the Advanta Championship in Philadel-phia last week to prepare for . this event.

Leaner and fitter but still displaying her trademarks the regal bearing and those figure-hugging outlits — Pierce is back in business. Working with Craig Kardon, who helped guide Martina Navratilova te world domination. Pierce occasionally showed off her new toy—the volley. However, when it came to deing serious dam-age, it was the familiar fore-hand that until Americans hand that undid Appelmans. Broken early in both sets, she never looked likely to recover.

THE Tricology was waved. Pierce's next challenge is a over Madison Square Garden little more daunting, for she with varying degrees of faces either Martina Hingis. the world No i, or Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the Dutchwoman with the game's hard-

est service.

With Pierce commanding the limelight, Nathalie Tauziat usually finds herself cast in a supporting role in French tennis, much to her annoyance. Now 30, she has never made it past the first round in New York before, but, facing Coetzer, she was determined to change that.

So far this year, Coetzer has travelled more than 100,000 miles in pursuit of titles and

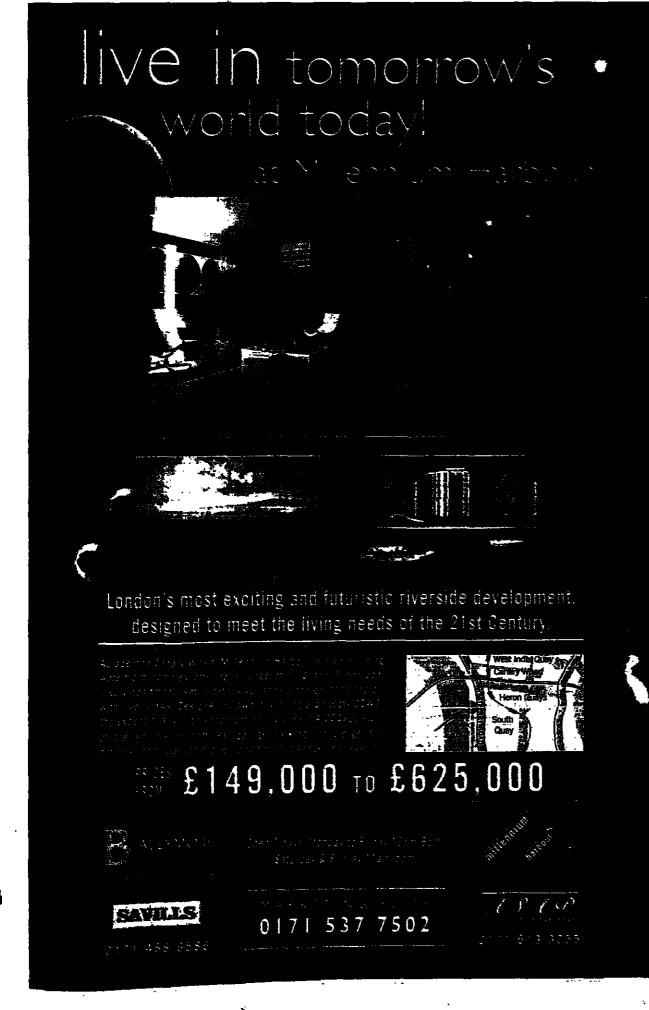


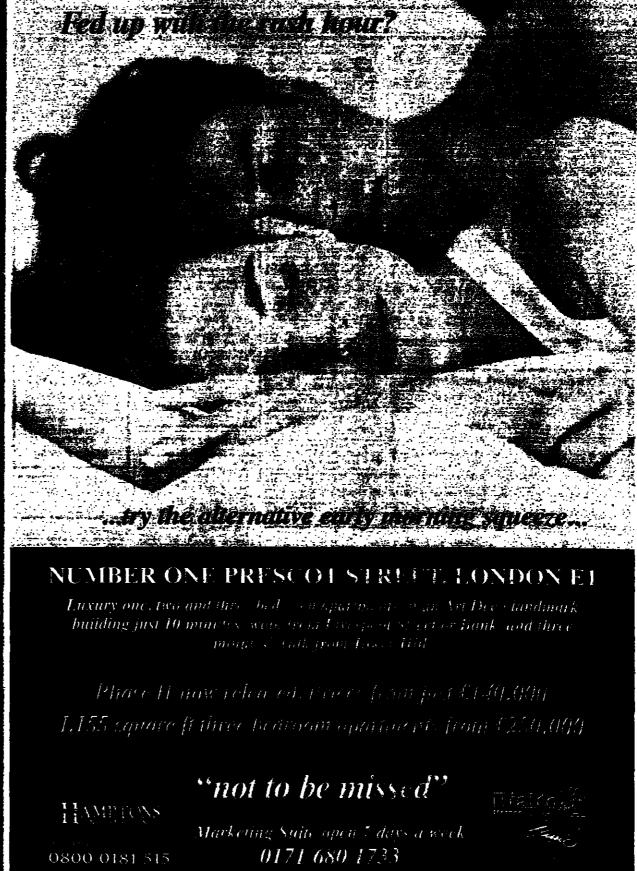
Pierce: dominant

ranking points and now it all began to catch up with her. She looked tired and Tauztat, a wily campaigner, made the most of it.

The championships began with a farewell. After 15 years on the road, amassing 17 grand-slam doubles titles and two Olympic gold medals. Gigi Fernandez called it a day. She and Natasha Zvereva were beaten 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the first round by Larisa Neiland and Helena Sukova, having led 4-2 in the final set.

This was always going to be Fernandez's final tournament. but she was hoping to go out with a win. No matter - she is planning a happy retirement





**Akehurst** 

signs

off with

winner

REG AKEHURST, the

Epsom trainer, brought

the contain down on a

memorable 37-year career with a winner at Lingfield

Park yesterday.

Akehurst, 68, saddled

his last runner, Whispered

Melody, to land the first division of the seven-fur-

long Ladbroke All-Weather Trophy. The filly, sent

off at 5-1, got the better of a

tight finish to win by a

length and a half from

Mustang, with Witch-finder half a length further

Fittingly, the winner was ridden by Richard

Quinn, who partnered many big winners for Akehurst Akehurst said:

"It gave me particular pleasure that Richard rode my last winner. I've had

super times with him and

he's a very good jockey." Akehurst, who sent out his first winner with En-

amoured at Wve in 1963, is

handing over the reins at Epsom to his son, John.

and said: "I've got no

regrets; you've got to retire

The best horse Akehurst

trained was probably Gold

Newbury and the Prix du

Moulin de Longchamp,

while others like Sarawat.

Urgent Request Astrac.

Greenham Stakes

away in third.

RACING: LEG PROBLEM LEAVES SPECTACULAR NATIONAL WINNER LIKELY TO SIT OUT REMAINDER OF THE SEASON

# Lord Gyllene doubtful for Aintree defence

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THERE are flint-hearted veterans who will tell you that the Martell Grand National, its fences tarned, no longer presents the daunting test of old. But those horses equal to its modern challenge nonetheless seem to be punished for their hubris, and the odds duly seem to be mounting against Lord Gyllene returning to Aintree in April.

One of the most spectacular winners in 150 runnings of the great steeplechase, Lord Gyllene put the Shropshire yard of Steve Brookshaw on the map with a joyous 25length rout of Suny Bay back in the spring. But he seems

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Destiny Calls (2.50 Kempton Park) Destiny Calls is well handi-capped on his best form and should be primed to collect at tos this afternoon after a at Bangor 19 days

Next best Major Harris (2.40 Haydock Park)

increasingly destined to sit out the present campaign, and a National that - after another increase in prize-money, up by £50,000 to £350,000 - will be the most valuable jumps race ever staged in Britain.

Last year, Rough Quest was likewise thwarted by a leg problem, meaning that no horse has defended his status National hero since Miinnehoma was pulled up in 1995. While Brookshaw has not given up yet, his sudden fame will not prompt any imprudent rush of blood as he nurses Lord Gyllene back from the setback that brought him to a standstill last month. Yesterday he opened his

Brookshaw parades Lord Gyllene, who won last season's Grand National by 25 lengths, at a press conference held at his Preston Farm stable in Shropshire yesterday

gates to the media, who sagely observed the horse prancing friskily through the puddles round the picturesque red-brick courtyard of Preston Farm. With the horse's owner, Stan Clarke, out of the country until the end of the month, Brookshaw could not permit himself explicitly to concede . defeat. But one did not have to squint too closely between the lines to feel that there was an appropriately morbid hue to

bit of a swelling, a bit of heat, on his near-fore," Brookshaw said. "He was only doing light canters at the time, but we have had to let it settle down and will need more time before we can be confident about doing any work with him. He is doing an hour on the horse-walker every day, and we will assess the situation when Mr Clarke returns.

"In New Zealand terms, Lord Gyllene is only just nine and has another two or three years in front of him. It would be a shame to go and risk everything this year. We'd have to be certain that everything was right. If it's not, he

Mrs Nola Taylor had better be kept informed. The horse's breeder is proposing to travel over from New Zealand to watch him at Aintree, but an elderly lady -- she refuses to fly. She is understood to be negotiating a passage aboard a freighter. One wonders, however, whether she is as likely to get here on foot as Lord Gyllene is to run in the National. The Tote agrees, and yesterday removed him from its betting, which is now

headed — on 20-1 — by Seven Towers and Sunv Bay. The undemonstrative Brookshaw saddled Rolling Ball to win the Foxhunters' Chase over the National fences in 1996 - and is now enjoying the fruits of Lord Gyllene's success. "There was nothing for six weeks, but suddenly the phone was redhot. We have now doubled the

number of horses here to 41. Mr Clarke's." Of their number, he seems most animated by the poten-tial of another New Zealand

import. Listen Timmy, "I was most impressed with him at Uttoxeter the other day, and we will take him back there for a novice chase on the 27th." gins his journey back to Liver-

Suny Bay, meanwhile, bepool at Haydock today, in a most interesting Edward Hanmer Chase - which also

Chase over the National Tregaron and Red Robbo fences on Saturday. He has ianded valuable handibeen absent since finishing caps — and substantial second to Into The Red last betting coups - on the year, thanks to a joint prob-

sees the reappearance of Go

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Club Caritibean heat Pasition 3/1 in 10-numer 2m 13/1 novice transicap hardle at Exets (good to farm). Glenam 171 8th of 20 to Decoupage in 2m National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (good) with Needle Thread (levels) 32 18th. Meadow Blue 301 8th of 15 to Foundry Lane is 2m novice hurdle at Sedgeffield (good to farm) Potter Again heat Datey 71 in 14-numer 2m 13/1 National Hunt Flat race at Exets (good to set) Second Fiddle 561 8th of 11 to Good Soud in 2m novice hundle at Wetherby Meany). Solation sets at Sedgeffield (good) with National Hunt Flat race at Cartiste (good) with Nieedle Thread (7th worse off), beaten a distance, film. The Lady Scores 111 4th of 10 to 10 Mother in 2m maters motive burdle at Towcester (good to set) with Arthron (levels) 331 6th CLUB CARIBBEAN can make hurdling experience lell against Potter Again

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SAINT CIEL runs this course well and can hold Militrato

2.10 EDWARD HANNER MEMORIAL LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE

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Bell Staffboy pulled up in handicap chase al Kempton (3m, good).

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Chadrack's Geoger in handicap handle at Wetherly (2m 41 110yd, good). Canboo Venture best fluor For

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3.10 WARGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE

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BETTING: 9-4 Pango Warlag, 3-1 Rostic Air, 7-2 Wayuphul, 5-1 Captain Khedive, 11-2 Master Boston, 25-1 Nicida Joe 1999: THUMBS UP 10-12-0 R Dumoudy (13-8 tax) G McCourt 5 ran

Captain Khedive 411 last of 6 to Naturalist in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good); previously 361 last of 4 to Konestia King Warring 12 2nd of 6 to Natural in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to limit). Pongo Warring 12 2nd of 6 to Natural in handicap chase at Section (2m 5 110yd, good). Master Boston beaten a distance 3nd of 6 to Philip's Woody in handicap chase at Sandons (2m 4f 110yd, good to limit). Pongo distance last of 4 to One Man in grade il chase at Welherby (3m 15, good to limit), transics y beaten of distance last of 4 to One Man in grade il chase at Welherby (3m 15, good to limit). Busice Art 42 and of 10 to Highbeath in handicap chase at Sedpetield (2m 5f, good) previously beat The Toaster 12yi in 5-runner handicap chase at Sedpetield (2m 5f, good) in limit. Wayvolhili neck 2nd of 4 to Coqui Lane in handicap chase at Sedpetield (2m 5f, good) in limit. Wayvolhili neck 2nd of 4 to Coqui Lane in handicap chase at Relso (2m 16, good); previously 748 and of 9 to Tody or amateur novice hurdle at Keiso (2m 6 f 110yd, good to limit). Nickle Joe 36i 5th of 5 to Carliste Bandin's in amateurs handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good); previously handicap hurdle at Strattord (3m 3f, good to limit).

PONGO WARRING, a progressive novice lesi season, is well treated on his best form

3.40 EARLESTOWN HANDICAP HURBLE

(\$2,801: 2m 7f 110yd) (8 runners) (\$2\_807): 207 /7 710/00 (8 FURDERS)

15022/5 LAMDED SENTRY 11 (5) (K Bell & Son Ltd) J O'Ster B-12-0 ... A P McCoy 107

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11112/4 HIT THE CANWAS 55 (F-6) (J Method) Mrs. M Reveloy 6-11-10 ... P Noven 72

143/20 CAMPAIGN 18F (F) (Stackard) M Harmood 6-11-7 ... ... 9 Santhy 75

1503 REP-1 HODOWNERER 12 (C.6) (F Horest) W Jests 6-11-5 ... T Joses 61

1504 REP-1 HODOWNERER 12 (C.6) (F Horest) W Jests 6-11-5 ... T Joses 61

1505 BENDACION 10 (D.5) (Lady Arms Bertieck) J Stackas 6-10-11 ... A Magain 84

1507 ESP-1 CHARLEY LAMBERT 18 (F) (R Matchell) J Machae 6-10-11 ... E Harsband (3) 114

1506 014021 DOCKMASTER 198 (9.5) (L Gordon) Mach M Milligan 6-10-7 ... A Dobbin ... A Dobbin ... A Dobbin ... A Machael ... A Dobbin ... A BETTING: 3-1 Hill The Carries, 7-2 Indicator, 9-2 Hondwinker, 6-1 Charley Lambert, 7-1 Doctoraster, 8-1 Campaign, 10-1 Landed Gentry, 16-1 Sigma Wireless.

1998: HALLE DERRING 6-12-2 C Lieuwityn (8-13 fav) N Twiston-Claims: 4 can

1998: HALLE DEPRING 6-12-2 C Liewellyn (6-13 lav) N I vestor-Danes 4 can

Landed Gentry 19| Sith of 7 to Potter's Gale in handicap hardle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to self), previously 16| 3rd of 24 to Royal Albert in handicap hardle at Punchestown (2m 4) sol). Hit The Canvate 44| last of 4 to John in handicap hardle at Penchestown (2m 4) sol), Hit The Canvate 44| last of 4 to John in handicap hardle at Ayr (3m 2) (3m 110yd, good). Campaign 48| 96) of 13 to Meditabe in handicap hardle at Ayr (3m 2) (10yd, good); previously 21 3rd of 7 to Praser handicap hardle at Metherby (2m 7), good to sol). Hondwinter heat Saucy him short hand in 14-runner handicap hardle at Himseier (3m 110yd, good); Sigma Winteess beaten a distance 3rd of 7 to Fraser Carey in novice chase at Handingdon (2m 41 110yd, good); previously heat John Roger 19| in 7-runner novice hardle at Wetherby (2m 71, good), previously 174 2nd of 13 to Patter in annov handicap hardle at Catterick (3m 1111)d, good to Simi), Indicator hardle at Bampor (2m 11, good). Dockmaster best Soloman Springs 15| in 8-runner handicap hardle at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to Simi).

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

# Or Royal backed for Ascot feature

heavily backed yesterday to land another big prize for his all-conquering yard. The winner of last season's Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, Or Royal has been cut from 9-2 to 5-2 for Saturday's First National Bank Gold Cup at Ascot by both Ladbrokes and William Hill. 

OR ROYAL, trained by Martin Pipe, was heavily backed yesterday to land another big prize for his all-conquering yard. The winner of Or Royal (9-2), 5-1 Jeffell, 8-1 Fine Thyne (7-1), 9-1 Frazer Island (11-1), 10-1 others.

William Hill: 5-2 Or Royal (9-2), Simply Dashing (7-4), 6-1 Jeffell, 8-1 Fine Thyne, Frazer Island, 10-1 Redeemyourself (14-1), 12-1 others.

# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wetherby

240 (2m ch) 1, Cambrian Challenge (R Gamity, 9-2); 2, Centanily Strong (13-8 law); 3, Native Massion (9-1), 5 ran, NR: Melon Bell, NR, 41, Teasterby, Tote £4 80; £1 90, £1.20, DF: £7.70, CSF: £11 64 3.10 (3m 1) (ch) 1, Speaker Weithertil (M Brennan, 6-4 y-lav); 2, Lord Ol The West (8-4 )-lav); 3, Pims Gunner (3-1), 3 ran, 23, 3, O Brennan, Tote: £2.20, DF £1.40 CSF

C3.57.
3.40 (2m 4f 110)d hdle) 1, Brancher (R Burns, 6-1); 2, Soc Clerks (7-2); 3, Arrazing Sail (7-1), Scarbe 9-4 (av. 6 ran. 9f, 13-1, J Turner, 10st: 58.90; 53.30, 52.40 DF 513.30 CSF, 523.89
Piacspot: \$162.50. Quadpot: £46.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: soft, heavy in places 1.00 (2m 11 Indie) 1, Champteve (A P J McCoy, 1-4 lay, 2, Desert Power (40-1) 1, Mations' Source (5-1) 10 man. MR Dines Det, 91, M Pipe. Total: £1.20; £1.30, £3.30, £1.20, DF: £15.50. Th C19.55 1.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Lake Kartba (T J Marphy, 5-2 kw); 2, Zabadi (7-2), 3, Mouse Bird (4-1), 6 ran. 12, 3% P. Nicholis, Tote: 23.60; 51.10, 52.10 DF; 53.80 CSF-510.08

E10.08 (1) 10 hdie) 1. Brighstone (A P McCoy, 5-8 tay); 2, Coeur Bettant (9-1), 3, Haydown (14-1), 8 ran 2l, 11l, M Pipe. Tolie: \$1.70; \$1.10, \$1.70, \$4.00, \$0; \$2.30. CSF: \$29.44.
2.30 (2m 51 110yd ch) 1, Luke Warm (6 Bradley, 9-2); 2, Regamuli (12-1); 3, Hold Your Ranks (5-1) Friendly House 8-4 tay 9 ran 8l, 154, D Gandollo Tote \$5.90. \$1.90, \$2.30, \$1.70 DF \$21.10. Tho: \$71.30. CSF: \$52.02. Tricast: \$260.83 3.00 (3m 21 110yd ch) 1, Dom Samoural (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Penncaler (3-1); 3, Brambleith Buck (7-4 say, 5-5m -2, dost, M Pipe. Tote \$4.70; \$2.20, \$1.40, \$0; \$9.50. CSF: \$14.59.
3.30 (2m 6) hole) 1. Deeno's Beeno (A P

CSF, £14.59.
3.30 (2m 6<sup>1</sup> hole) 1. Desno's Beeno (A P McCoy, 8-11 fax); 2. Roysie Angels (16-11; 3. Harbet House (11-2), 8 ran. 44, clist, M Pipe. Tots £1.80; £1.0, £2.50, £1.90. DF £6 60. CSF-£8.60. Tricest £25.36.
4.00 (2m 11 fiel) 1, Muschhill (R Messey, 7-4); 2. Knock, Leader (4-6 fax); 3. Beety Nova (16-1), 15 ran. NR: Wilse Witzard. 71, 239. D Nicholson, Tots £3 40; £1.0, £1.10, £1.10, £2.60, DF: £1.70. Tror £7.90 CSF-£3.14. Placapol: £47,80. Quadpot: £31.90.

Lingfield Going: standard

Going: stantisted
12.20 (50) 1, Duncing Mystery (5 Carson, 8-1); 2, Opening Range (5-1); 3, Notatino (5-1); Anokato 7-2 tav. 10 ran 194, 44 E Wheeler, Totte; 122.30; 128.50; 8.40, €1.90
DF- £74.90 Tho £45.90 CSF: £44.74
Incast 1209.25; 17.00 Paleosgate Jack (C Lowther, 2-1 tav), 2, Mester Raider (7-1); 3, Tear White (8-1); 10 ran, Hd, 11, J Berry, Tote; £3.10, £1.20, £5.80, £4.60, DF- £21.20 Tho: £51.50, CSF: £7.714, Tricast £95.52 20150, CSF: 21714, Incast: 296.52 1.20 (71), 18/m Prior (D Sweeney, 10-1); 2, Mysiagogua (5-2 tav); 3, Muya's Magic (8-1), 13 ran, Ni, 41, K Burka Toter 214 30; 56.10, 1180, 21.80, DF: 236.60 Trio 250.00 CSF: 234.26. 250.00 CSF: £34.26.
1.50 (1m) 1, Lift The Offer (Dane O'Neil, 12-1); 2, Bawssan (4-1), 31, Night Vigil (11-10 law); 31, Miss Slove (16-1) 9 ran 4L G. R Hammon Tore: £13 10. £190, £180, Night Vigil 20 50, Miss Slove £2.20 DF-£18 80, Tricz (with Night Vigil) £13 30, (with Miss Sloye) £78.80 CSF: £53 83 Tricast: (with Night Vigil) £33.0 (with Miss Sloye) £33.4.34.

£3 90. OF: 08.70. Troc £76.40. CSF £13 82. 2.50 (1m 4f) 1, Royal Rouleme (A Cark, 9-1); 2, Another Morth, (20-1); 3, Statispach, (6-1); 4, Aresth (23-1). Castles Burretg 9-2 tov. 17 ran. Sh hol. 144. Mass 8 Sanders. Tolar £14.40. CSF: £180 76. Tricast: £1, 105 64. Troc £87 40. 3.20 [76] 1, Whitspered Mellody (T Culinn. 5-1); 2, Mustang (9-1); 3, Witchinder (3-1 4av), 9 gar. 14, 134. Rokehurs. Tote £5.50; £150, £220, £1.70. DF: £16.40. Trics £71.30. CSF: £47.92. Tricast: £147.86. Jackpot not won (pool of \$15,427,15 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

# KEMPTON PARK

Cover. 2.50 Big Matt. 3.20 Fair Society. 3.50 Grooving.

Going: Good to soft

1.20 rosemary grland conditional Jockeys NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(61,898: 2m) (8 namers)

4 0-32 HOUGHAM BAY 13 (B) L Wordingham 5-10-11 R Thornton 84 5 062- RLOW BACK 189 6 Enright 5-10-10 ... L Aspell 75 6 P-31 MEMORY'S MUSIC 9 (S) M Maniputch 5-10-9 (Ser) P Horizoy 79 7 046 DISPAST 14 J Bridge 7-10-7 M Backborn C3) 79 8 0006 MICHIDONEY BM 13 2 C Davison B-10-0 C Michigan Bay 5-2 Sadies 7 Reality 9-2 Marroy's Michigan Bay 5-10-4 Marroy's Michigan Bay 5-10-1 Marroy's Michigan 13-1 Marroy Michigan 13-1 Ma

1.50 STAINES NOVICES CHASE (£3,485: 2m) (6)

5 F-33 MORDANSK 13 (D.F.S.) M Madgurck 8-11-0 G Upton 120 6 D11- STRONG PALADIN 246 (F.S.) J Editord 6-11-0 P Hide — 7-4 Kadasirot. 5-2 Strong Paladin, 9-2 Nordarck, 6-1 Kingslold Pet, 8-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: R Alner, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25 7%, M Pipe, 13 from 62, 21 0%, K Basley, 11 from 55, 20 0%, N Gaselee, 4 from 22, 18 2%; T Casey, 4 from 25, 16 0%; C Brooks, 5 from 35, 14 3% JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 14 witners from 71 sides, 19.7%; P Henley, 3 from 16, 18 6%, M Fitogerald, 19 from 105, 18.1%, A Thomson, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Hide, 7 from 55, 12.7%. Only qualifiers.

### 2.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,801. 2m) (7)

6 10- TOP NOTE 252 (S) J Sillord 5-11-0 ......

7 5-06 RUN FOR COVER 11 Mrs P Dutfield 5-10-9 ... P Holley -4 Midas, 11-4 Clinton, 3-1 Mountain Storm, 7-2 Top Note, 12-1 Mon latherne's Way, Run For Cover

3 TIV- SEVERHIME GAS JOJA HANDER PROFITE TO THE WILLIAMS 154
4 24-4 DESTRY CALLS 19 (D.F.S.) N Gaseles 7-10-7 . N Williamson 154
5 1-SF ART PRINCE 10 (SF.F.G.S.) C Brooks 7-10-7 . D Gasepher 134 7-4 Big Mait, 5-2 Super Taghes, 4-1 Desiloy Calls, 11-2 Art Prince, 8-1 Elvenbrie

3,20 GIGASPEED NOVICES CHASE (£3,371: 3m) (6)

1.5,405. 231 597 597 1.052- RRED EARTH 232 (CD,F,G,S) J Fanshare 9-12-0 R Thomboo (3) 117 2-32-2 MPLIENCE PEDLER 14 (G) J Old 4-11-7 ... N Milliameno 3 F12- GROOMNIG 100 (BF F.C.S) J Cidord B-11-5 ... P High 4 11-7 FREEDISHE 218 (BF S) N Headerson 5-11-0 N A Figurald 5 31-F ROYAL PEPS 14 (F.S) A J Wisson 10-10-10 ... L Harvey 6 19-4 TUKAND 32 0F J Jentists 5-10-3 7-4213 SOLUBE'S COCKSON 15 (F) R Curtis 4-10-0 G Sepple (S) 8 SS4 SMUSGLET'S POWT 14 (F.G) J Bridge 7-10-0 L Aspel (3) -4 Influence Pedier, 4-1 Friendship, Fired Earth, Royal Poper, 7-1 other:

# HEREFORD

1.00 Fletcher. 1.30 Jason's Boy. 2.00 Gutteridge. 2.30 Bold Acre. 3.00 Marsayas. 3.30 Mystic Isle. 4.00

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 1.00 MARDEN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,304: 2m 1f) (12 runners) 1-Y-U: £2,304: 2m1 11) (12 runners)

1 2231 PRARIE MINISTRE, 4 (F) R Dickin 11-5

CHERORGE RUSHT 71F S Melion 10-12

DE FLEDERMALIS MESS H Kinght 10-12

FLETCHER 32F H Morrison 10-12

KINGSDOWN TRUX 8 R Smith 10-12

RABRE COMEX 32 W 6 M Turner 10-12

REBRITA MIL 32F P Dation 10-12

AUNIT DAPPINE 141F Miles I Richards 10-7

RISH OF BLOOD 79F M Sheppens 10-7

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Pharife Ministre! 5-2 Very D'Acout, 7-2 Upgrade, 8-1 Die

2-1 Practic Mastrel, 5-2 Vent D Acut, 7-2 Upgrade, 8-1 Die Fiedermaus, 12-1 Kyabinonik, 16-1 Cherokse Faghi, 25-1 Aust Daphne, 33-1 others.

1.30 BACTON AMATEUR REDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,892; 2m 3f) (8)

1 61-5 ODEL 33 (BF.F K Baley 7-12-7 2 2-55 BT OF A TOUCH 29 (F.S.S) R Fixed 11-12-3 M Dailymple (7) 3 rob. SENSE OF WALLE 26 (F.S.S) J Smith 8-12-0 O MCPHA (4 43P- JASON'S BOY 233 (F.S.S) J Badley 7-11-13 ... A Wintle (7) 5 3080 MORTHERN OPTIMES 12 (0.F.6) B Lieuzhyn 9-11-3 

2,00 BRIDSTOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 1f) (12)

5-2 Belloping Guns, 11-2 Days Of Thunder, 6-1 Gutterlage, 7-1 Aldington Chappie, 8-1 Thurnes Crown. Khazari, 12-1 Comeonup. South West Expuss, 14-1 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANSERS: M Pipe, 37 womers from 112 minors, 32.0%; D Nicholson, 10 from 34, 29.4%, N Tweston-Dances, 28 from 99, 28.0%, A Turnet, 3 from 11, 27.3%, P Webber, 3 from 11, 27.3%, S Griffits, 3 from 14, 21.4%, 3 from 14, 21.4%, JOCKEYS: Mr R Watdey, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30 0%, C Linwellyn, 21 fans 79, 26.5%, J Kasaragh, 10 from 60, 16.7%; S Claran, 4 from 29, 13.8%, W McFarland, 4 from 30, 13.3%; G Hogan, 3 from 25, 12.0%,

2.50 LIMBER HILL LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (24.76): 20, 41.10 yd) (5)

1 2-31 SUPEN TACIUS & COLF.E.S. R Alner 9-11-12 (Sec) A Thumbon. 2 20-4 BIG MAIT 18 (B.CD.F.S.) N Headeston 9-11-7 ... M Pitzywald 3 117- GWENTAME 233 (S. A Tumed 9-10-17 ... L Harvey. 117- CANONIC ST. S. A TUMED 9-10-17 ... N WIEREMON.

3.50 HANWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,485; 2m 5f) {8}

## 2.30 PADDY MORRISSEY NOVICES HANDICAP **CHASE (£2,866: 2m) (15)**

3-1 Sherwood Boy, 4-1 High Mood, 7-1 Bold Acre. Scarles Rembler, 9-1 off

3.00 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

2-1 Weish Silk, 5-2 Bay Fart, 7-2 Don't Tell Torm, 8-1 Record Hawk, 10-1 Mansayas, 12-1 Shannon Lad, 25-1 Fred Fuggles, 33-1 others

3.30 BOGMARSH NOVICES CHASE (£3,074: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 3-1F IDEAL PARTNER 19 (B.BF.F.G.S) P Nicholt: 8-11-5 R Johnson 2 P1-1 LOVABLE OUTLAW 11 (G.S) VAS: M Rowland 6-11-5 3 3LS1 GOWER-SLAVE 15 (F.5) P Bosen 5-11-3 P Midgley (5)
4 4P3 BENBULBIN 14 J Multer, 7-10-12 JF Titley
5 (P-P JEMARO 12 W Junks 6-10-12 Gary Lyons
8 222- MYSTIC ISLE 242 (S) N & Sestee 7-10-12 JR Konarage
7 225- SCOTRY 231 (5) R Bucker 7-10-12 B Powell
8 9-54 HAND WOVEN B (F) N Tendon-Darens 5-10-10 C Llowellyn
9 9 GARLES GRID, 52 A Foste 6-10-7 B Citlored
9-4 Mystic Isle, 7-2 Scotley, 9-2 Hand Woven, 5-1 Ideal Patter, 6-1 Gorrer-Stave,
8-1 Lovable Oddian; 33-1 Benbalbin Gables Girl, 50-1 Jeroso

4.00 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW MARES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

(£1,256: 2m 1l) (17) 5-2 The Coption's Lagy 3-1 Overn's Charter 7-2 Daisy 7-1 Latin Milisters, 8-1 Ruby Rota, 20-1 Cool Spring, La Progentine, Lattle Red Spuder, 25-1 others



**FOOTBALL** 

Milosevic

on the mat

over talk

of transfer

By RICHARD HOBSON

a vear when it expires at the

The disenchantment of one

man in a dressing-room can

spread quickly. Sasa Curcic,

Gareth Southgate and Dwight

Yorke have, to varying de-

grees, been critical of aspects of the club of late. Whether it would be prudent to offload Milosevic, 24, while Villa are

still in the Uefa Cup and

trying to recover ground in the

FA Carling Premiership is

another matter, particularly as Collymore, who saw a

specialist yesterday, is still in

light training after an operation on his sinuses a month

ago. "There is no logic in selling anybody at the mo-ment," Little said.

Premiership clubs, which

share of income from BSkyB,

the television company, have

given the Pootball League 14

months' notice that they want

to change the relegation and

promotion system and their

participation in the Coca-

Cola Cup. They want two-up

and two-down instead of

end of the season.

SAVO MILOSEVIC will tread

a familiar path into the man-

ager's office at Aston Villa today when he is called to

explain his latest public out-

burst against the club. If he is

trying to manouevre a transfer

with his persistent criticism,

he will be told by Brian Little

that his responsibility will remain at Villa Park.

Little has denied that Napoli

have submitted an offer of £4.5 million for Milosevic,

even though the striker was

reported in a Yugoslav news-

paper as saying that he knew

of interest from the Italian

club. Milosevic also said that he had wanted to leave Villa

"for a long time" and was

Three weeks earlier, when

Milosevic last returned to his

national squad for the first leg

of the World Cup qualifying

was quoted in a Belgrade

magazine as being critical of Stan Collymore, his Villa col-

league. Little said that he had

accepted an explanation that

Milosevic had been misquoted

on that occasion; this time, his

response may be more forth-

after Italy, but he knows that

his duty is to play for Aston Villa and he should be concen-

trating on that," Little said. A

year ago. Milosevic travelled

to Italy to sign for Perugia

when Villa accepted a £4.5

million offer, only to pull out

His form for Villa has rarely

been better than moderate

after joining them from Parti-

zan Belgrade for E3.5 million

in 1995, but he enjoys a hand-

some regulation abroad. He

scored ten goals in the World

Cup qualifying campaign, helping Yugoslavia to the

With Benfica in Portugal

and Borussia Dortmund, the

European Cup winners from

Germany, reportedly monitor-

ing the situation. Villa would

make a profit if they decided to

sell. They have an option to

extend Milosevic's contract by

as negotiations dragged on.

Savo has always hankered

unhappy in Birmingham.

zame against Hungar

great traditions. but this evening they will be determined to avoid making history. If Celtic are beaten at home by Rangers, they will have lost six consecutive Old Firm matches in the league for the first time in their existence. Extreme measures may be taken in the attempt to pull up short of that

drums to resolve, too, particu-larly since Laudrup is liable

to be unavailable, having

tweaked his hamstring on

Saturday. His club is adept at

presenting an impression of calm. "If Laudrup isn't there,"

Richard Gough, the captain.

said, "then we will have to play the best Scotland player of the moment, Gordon

Some will detect a kernel of

arrogance in that serenity,

but Gough is simply exuding

the confidence of a man who

has relished a long ascendan-

cy over Rangers' rivals. He returned to Ibrox last month,

after a spell with Kansas City

Wizards, and has seemed to

be sauntering profitably

ded milestone. Darren Jackson has not played since undergoing brain surgery at the begin-ning of September, but there is a temptation to field him tonight, when his experience and strength may add vitality to the attack. In any case, Wim Jansen, the Celtic head coach, must be casting around for a replacement for Simon Donnelly, the young forward who has lost form.

# Rangers pursue joy of six

Kevin McCarra previews the second

Old Firm encounter of the season

The central defender scored the only goal of the game against Celtic 11 days

io. His celebrations on that occasion saw him raise both hands and some observers ing a desire to win a tenth cessive Bell's Scottish League premier division title this season. Gough scoffs at that notion and claims that gesture is a mime for "lifting the roof off" and derives from sport in the

Paul Gascoigne about it," he said, "because I never thought I would be doing it." Life is exceeding his expectations at present. Even Gough, 35, admits that Rangers would not have troubled to re-sign him if Alan McLaren and Lorenzo Amoruso had been fit. I have nothing to prove to anyone else," he said,
"but I have proved to myself
that I have a touch of hunger

pleasant mystery in the sus-tained domination of Celtic. since the Old Firm fixture is

ritually claimed to be unpredictable. He has also had a recent opportunity to gauge the narrow margins that can separate the sides. "In the last game," Gough said, "we played as well as we have against Celtic in a long time, but we still only won 1-0 and they could have gone ahead."

Celtic, on the other hand,

remember only the impoverished nature of their performance that afternoon. Their hopes of now atoning for it, and of recording the victory that would see them draw level with Rangers on points in the premier division, are mpered by the absence of Blinker, who was sent off on Saturday. The side has also lacked creativity in losing its

previous two games, to Rangers and Motherwell. Supporters have grown ever more irascible over the club's failure to sign a proven goalscorer. A deal may be in place to buy Harald Brattbak. from Rosenborg, but the Norwegian club seems determined not to sell him until its European Cup Champions' League programme ends on December 10. Even if Brattbak agreed to move to Celtic, there would be a further delay while a work

permit was sought. Jansen cannot, for the moment, add to his squad, yet he will still be expected to find a way of changing Celtic's fortunes this evening.

# **RUGBY UNION**

# Wales get ten days to prepare for All Blacks

THE leading clubs in Wales have agreed to an early release have agreed to an early resease of their international players for the match against New Zealand at Wembley on Saturday week. Kevin Bowring, the coach, will have ten days' uninterrupted build-up after the clubs complied with his wishes

The national team management accepted the need for the players to prepare properly for the Heineken Cup campaign with their clubs." a spokesman for the Welsh Rug-by Union said.

"It was recognised how important that was to their prospects and we welcome the fact that the clubs have seen fit to return the favour with the New Zealand game approaching." Eddie Jones, the Pontypridd

manager, confirmed the spirit of co-operation. "We are all behind the union's playing directorate and the national team," he said. "If Wales don't achieve a degree of respect-ability against New Zealand, then we are all in trouble."

After receiving unanimous

backing from his players' employers. Bowring can now concentrate fully on the most daunting challenge that he has faced since he was ap-pointed as coach of Wales two

years ago. He will announce a squad tomorrow morning and is expected to include Allan Bateman and David Young. the British Isles pair who missed the 46-12 victory over Tonga last Sunday through

However, Steve Moore, the econd-row forward, has been ruled out because of a knee njury that forced him to leave the field against Tonga. A scan has revealed ligament damage and the Moseley lock will be out of action for at least six

Andy Moore, his brother, began his comeback from injury with 20 minutes on the field for Swansea against Cardiff in the Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Trophy game last Saturday. The former Wales second-row forward has had a knee reconstruction and has been on the sidelines since



Manning his post: a young goalkeeper watches the action from afar during a match in the Zambian border village of Livingstone

# Livingstone explores new horizons

are anxious to maintain their WHEN Andrew Fairbairn arrived in the dilapidated locals thought Christmas had come early. In a town where most people play sport in bare feet, the prospect that this "muzungu" [white man] would turn up with footballs, boots and tracksuits had raised expectations in the com-

When he arrived with little more than the shirt on his back and it dawned on them that Fairbairn was not, in fact, a bearer of gifts, there were murmurings of disappointment. However, six months on, they recognise that he has brought something much

the original agreement." Premiership clubs are par-

we stand at this stage. "We have said without vant so we can see if there is any negotiation or bartering to do.' But there is no end to

ed yesterday that the original agreement drawn up between itself, the FA Premier League and the Football Association was still binding, although it was prepared to hear the new "The Premier League has given a year's notice that it more valuable.

wants to re-negotiate a new agreement." Dennis Signy. a spokesman for the League, said. The Football League reply to that was that it was not possible and that is where

ticularly concerned about the

three and for clubs to be allowed to opt out of the Coca-Cola Cup.
The Football League insistmunity to fever pitch.

> "It was not easy to start with because they just wanted material things," Fairbairn, who used to work at the gym at the House of Commons, said. "Even after I told them about my plans, they would say things like 'Well, that's fine, but could you just give us a ball.' They still want the balls, but the attitude is different

In Livingstone, Fairbairn, 23, a volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), has been running training programmes for PE teachers and local coaches covering every**Inigo Gilmore** meets a British sporting missionary

who is bringing organised sport to an African village

thing from leadership and organisational skills to fund raising and using sports facilities. In a short time, his programme has begun to transform the face of sport in the area in ways that were previously unimaginable.

It has been a slow process and one that has required patience and flexibility. "To begin with, it was frustrating because people would turn up late for the seminars and then go around greeting everyone in the room before finally sitting down," Andrew sai "I had to learn to accept that this was the way things worked around here and fit my values into theirs. The pace is different."

More than a hundred years after David Livingstone, the British explorer, clapped eyes on the nearby Victoria Falls. the town named after him is like a gaping mouth without teeth. Fairbairn quickly discovered that travelling anywhere by road is an adventure and working phones are scarce. In the week of my visit, a couple of policemen turned up at our hotel to beg for petrol

money so that they could chase after thieves who had robbed the local bank.

The impoverished local population might be short on resources and punctuality, but Fairbairn has discovered that the community possesses unlimited enthusiasm. The locals were quick to accept him as one of their own - a point that was obvious during a visit to an adult education college.

In scene alive with noise. colour and dedication, Fairbairn presided over a



Fairbairn: fulfilled

at the arranged time." tournament involving foot-bail, basketball, volleyball and netball teams of varying ages

and shared a few lighthearted moments with the local people. Under his watchful gaze, a group of coaches shepherded teams on and off the pitches and shouted encouragement to the players. One of them explained that the scenario was novel for them.

"Before, it was pretty chaotir, because we would just see who turned up and start without a warm-up," David Kalambo said. "But now we use sketch boards to plan everything so that we do not waste our time and energy. This programme has opened our minds and given us a new, enthusiastic outlook."

"The fact that the sports are properly organised and planned has really motivated us," Maria Chitsulo, 21, a student who plays football, netball and volleyball, said. "We used to turn up to play a game and sometimes after waiting all day return to our rooms without kicking a ball because our opponents did not performance improve because we can direct our energies

Since its introduction in 1994, the VSO's sports development programme has expanded from a handful of coaches to about 30 volunteers working around the world. Sports initiatives such as the one Fairbairn has undertaken are accepted as a nowerful force in development.

Of the three locations in Zambia offered to Fairbairn, he chose Livingstone because no sports initiatives had previously been attempted there. As well as the frustrations of having to travel huge distances on his motorcycle, he has had to endure energysapping stomach problems and take pills daily to avoid contracting malaria.

Fairbairn is eagerly awaiting his return to Britain next year because as well as the personal satisfaction he has gained, he believes that his spell in Livingstone will have been a good career move. "Some poeple are reluctant to join a VSO project because they think it will hinder their career, but I think, if anything, it makes you more marketable and I would recommend it to

# Australia's tour pride may prevail

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

RICHIE DIXON, the Scotland coach, insisted yesterday that Australia will provide his new-look side with a stern challenge on Saturday, despite their unconvincing recent form under Rod Macqueen, their new coach.

After losing in Argentina and only managing a draw against England at Twickenham last Saturday, the Australians are under pressure to finish their tour on a high note at Murrayfield.

As Scotland have named an attack-minded line-up, including James Craig, the promising new wing, some pundits are optimistic about their chances of earning a surprise victory against the winners of the World Cup in 1991.

However, Dixon maintained that Scotland's task remains a daunting one and he warned of a possible backlash on Saturday "Australia have a proud record in this country and, make no mistake, they will be very strong opponents for us," the Scotland coach said. "I watched their game with

England and both sides would be disappointed that the play did not develop as they would have liked. But, with any new coach, it takes time to come up with ultimate conclusions on the way you want to play and Rod is still developing the style he wants.

"If it develops in the same way as with Australian Capital Territories team, then the world can expect some very exciting lootball from Australia in next couple of years." Dixon confirmed that he

had no qualms about selecting Duncan Hodge to replace the injured Rowen Shepherd at full back, despite the lack of senior experience of the player in the role.

The Watsonians and Edinburgh player will also assume the goal-kicking responsibilities in only his second international, the other being an appearance as substitiute

against France last year. Duncan has been involved in our national squad sessions at full back. We picked the side with a particular way of playing in mind and rather than interfere with the backline set-up, we decided on a straight one-to-one swap."

# New Scottish league likely

relegation issue because of

the drastic drop in revenue

PLANS by the ten Bell's Scottish League premier division clubs to establish a new Scottish Premiership by August were backed at two special general meetings of the Scottish League at Hampden

Park yesterday.
Votes ranged from 49-29 to 46-32, which means that two or three first division clubs lent their support to the topflight teams. The breakaway clubs plan to increase membership of the new Premiership to 12 in its second year. The matter will go before the league management committee on Thursday for approval.

Lex Gold, the Hibernian chairman and spokesman for the ten premier division clubs. said: "Today's decision by Scotland's clubs to vote overwhelmingly in favour of our plans represents a major step forward for the game in this

"It is clear from today's result that Scottish football can see the benefits of our proposals, which have been developed with the game's best and long-term interest in

meeting of the league management committee to ratify today's result. We are keen that everyone in the game contributes constructively to the blueprint for Scottish football's bright new future. The hard work starts now."

Manchester United aim to make shares in the club available to more people in a proposal to go before the annual meeting at Old Trafford today. Shareholders will be asked to approve a proposal to issue three shares for every one held as the club increases its share capital by 337.5 per cent to E3S million,

being knocked out of cup

creating 270 million new

Redknapp wants end to bad habit HARRY REDKNAPP, the West Ham United manager, has warned his players that they must bring to an end the club's unenviable record of

lower divisions. Last season. West Ham lost to Wrexham in the third round of the FA Cup and to Stockport County in the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

competitions by sides from

Although Redknapp's first team this season is almost unrecognisable from the line up a year ago, he has told his new recruits that they must raise their game for the CocaBy Our Sports Staff

home to the second division strugglers, Walsall, tonight. "Over the years, matches

said. "We have to make sure we're ready. We had Huddersfield at home in the round before last and that was a difficult game as well, although we won 3-0. "Last year, I felt I did not

like this have always been banana skins for West Ham and that record has to end," he

have a team that was capable of beating anybody, to be honest; we could not score any

Cola Cup fourth-round tie at goals. It's all changed now. It's

a different football club. Sud-denly, without having spent a lot of money, we've got a playing staff worth an awful lot of money for the first time in a long time." Over the past 12 months. Redictapp's revolution has

brought in players such as John Hartson, Paul Kitson, Ian Pearce, David Unsworth. Eyal Berkovic, Andy Impey and Steve Lomas, coupled with the emergence of younger players such as Rio Ferdinand and Frank Lampard. Confidence at the club is

nigh, especially with Kitson on the road to recovery from a hernia injury that has kept him out for two months with Redknapp confident he will be fit to face Aston Villa at home a week on Saturday. West Ham are taking the Coca-Cola Cup seriously, even though there is no certainty of a place in the Uefa Cup for the

"Manchester United and maybe Arsenal did not place a great deal of importance on it. but everybody else has," Redknapp said. "We are due a day out at Wembley. Everyone involved in the competition wants to get there, even if Stuart Ryder.

the end of it. But that may change and there may be a place after all as the Football League are pushing for it to be Redknapp will give late fitness tests to his wing backs, Tim Breaker, who has been training this week despite a

there is no place in Europe at

a foot injury. However, Hartson, the club's leading scorer, has been declared fit after an injury scare after West Ham's last Premiership match, at Chelsea, and he may be partnered up front by new signing, Samassi Abou, who would be making his full debut.

hamstring problem, and Impey, who is recovering from

Meanwhile. Redknapp confirmed that West Ham have put behind them the on-pitch scuffle between two teammates, Berkovic and John Moncur, during the Chelsea game at Stamford Bridge. He said the players had apologised to each other.

The Walsall central defend er, Ian Roper, has been ruled out after failing a fitness test on his knee. Roper, 20, will be replaced either by the veteran player-coach. Derek Mountfield, or the former England Under-21 defender.



# Larder calls for unity against the foe

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

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PHIL LARDER spoke winningly yesterday of the "common enemy". that rugby union and rugby league face in this country - teams from New Zealand and Australia - but it seems romantic indeed if rugby league is happy at the potential loss of one of its most influential figures, now that Larder has become a member of the England coaching

His full-time appointment has yet to be confirmed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), after nearly 30 years as player, coach and administrator in rugby league, but Larder has already committed himself to rugby union. He will help Clive Woodward to prepare England for their internationals against New Zealand, on Saturday and December 6, and South Africa, on November 29, by which time the RFU should have decided whether he will fulfil the role of national development officer.

"We are trying to make both union and league the pinnacle in their respective worlds, Larder, 52, said. There is scope for the two codes to work together — our enemy is New Zealand and Australia [series win-ners yet again last Sunday against Great Britain) and there is no reason why we should not pool our resources against them."

When he was director of coaching for the Rugby League, Larder approached Don Rutherford, the RFU's technical director, and suggested that the two codes could learn from each other, to their mutual benefit, though others may feel, that given the dependency of both sports on television funding, it brings closer the day when one or the other will assume

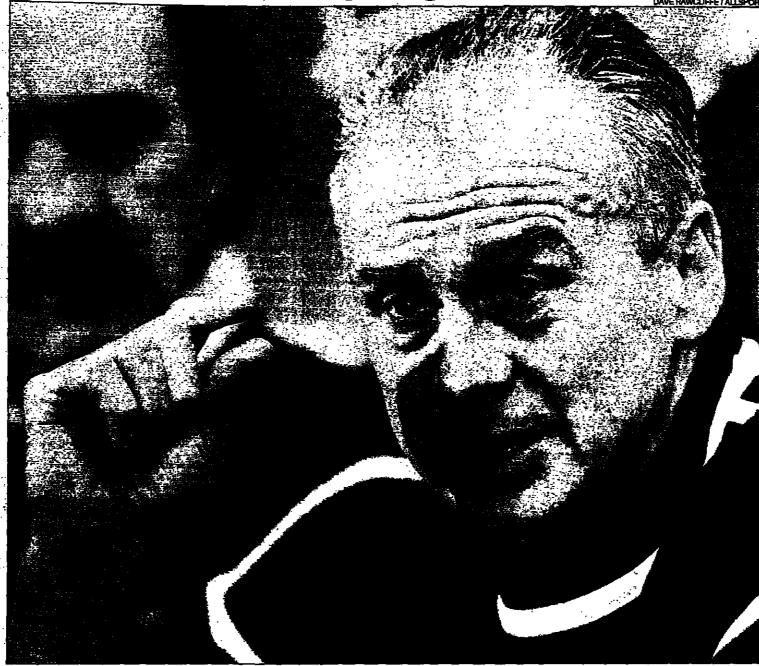
"The games are getting very close in certain areas — defensive alignment, kicking and chasing, angles of running - and I'm sure I can be of help." Larder said. "I'm looking at working on the individual skills of players who will be involved with England at the next World Cup in 1999] and World Cups after that. With a team like England, the difference between reaching a World Cup final and winning it may come

"We have similar problems in both codes. One is that we play too many matches, another is that the close season isn't long enough. These things affect players' preparations, not just for the wirning of games but their preparation as athletes."

It is this area specifically that all union's governing bodies need to address, given the elasticity of the season deemed necessary to accom-It is this area specifically that all their people." modate an increasing weight of fixtures for club and country.

Former rugby league players such as Scott Gibbs, Allan Bateman and contribution to the success of the British Isles in South Africa last summer and the new RFU administration is making a big effort to provide all-round back-up to the

For Woodward, who spent five years in Australia, it is familiar territory, since players and coaches



Larder names New Zealand and Australia as the common enemy of British rugby as he confirms his switch to rugby union yesterday

crossed back and forth between the codes in that country for years. regardless of International Rugby Football Board rules forbidding

We have known for a long time that there was a lot of skill up in the north," Woodward said. "I want to get closer to rugby league, rather than be seen as pinching some of

country remains in its infancy. compared with the standards set by New Zealand and, to a lesser extent, Australia; nor his belief that a strict hindered development, whereas the southern-hemisphere countries have been far more pragmatic in their

Meanwhile, Woodward is confident that, after the disappointing 15-15 draw with Australia, England can lift themselves against New Zealand

# Fitzpatrick considers retiring

SEAN FTIZPATRICK, the mostcapped player in New Zealand rugby history, fears that his career could be over. The All Blacks' captain has already conceded defeat in his attempt to be fit for the first international against England at Old Trafford on Saturday, but he admitted yesterday that his long-standing knee injury, which caused him to miss the win over I reland at Lansdowne Road last Saturday, could force him to retire.

The hooker, 34, started a training but he was clearly in discomfort and spent much of the morning barking out orders to his fellow squad members and in discussion with the coaching staff.

Fitznatrick has won 91 caps in a playing career that has seen him win every significant honour in the sport. He was part of the All Blacks side

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that won the inaugural World Cup in 1987 and he captained New Zealand when they lost in the final to South Africa in 1995. He has led his country 49 times -

becoming the first New Zealand captain to win a Test series in South Africa in the process - and has won the tri-nations' tournaments with the All Blacks and had Super 12 success with Auckland. Now, however, Fitzpatrick believes that his troublesome

what has been a wonderful career. "I've never had an injury like this and that sort of thing is going through my mind," he said. "I'm trying to be philosophical about it. Now is not the right time to make that decision. I won't continue to play if it's not right."

Fitzpatrick said that his prospects

of playing on this All Blacks tour were receding. "We'll see how it goes, but in terms of games, it's getting towards the end of the tour," he said. "My knee is aching a bit. I'm more pessimistic about playing on the tour now than I was last week."

John Hart, the New Zealand coach, has not given up on his inspirational captain making a recovery. "We've got another two weeks to go, so we are not writing him off," Hart said. "He's very fit, so he could come in and play at no notice at all. We're keeping our fingers crossed."

Fitzpatrick, who made his New Zealand debut against France in June 1986 and went nine years and 63 matches without missing an international, was more circumspect. He would only go so far as to say that he was keen to play an active part in training sessions.

# SNOOKER

# **McManus** on verge of tipping out White

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY WHITE'S resurgence this season has been fuelled by a pair of victories over Alan McManus, but the Scot went a long way to gaining a measure of revenge at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

McManus led White 6-2 after the first session of their third-round match and needs to win just three of the remaining nine frames to defeat the six-times world championship runner-up for only the fourth time in 15

meetings.
White had problems with a new tip and found it difficult to judge the thin contacts needed between cue ball and object ball for effective safety play. McManus, who has lost their four most recent en-counters, capitalised and established a 5-0 advantage, restricting White to an aggregate of 54 points. His break of 79 in the first frame opened the floodgates before runs of 45, 73, 42 and 126 placed a strangely subdued White in considerable trouble.

During the mid-session interval, White left the auditorium and sought the assistance of Lawrie Annandale, a referee-come-cue-doctor, who hardened the tip with paper from a facsimile machine.

White, the 1992 United Kingdom champion, gained a foothold by winning a scrappy sixth frame, but McManus, assisted by a break of 56, moved 6-1 ahead and was poised for 7-1 until, leading 43-1 late in the eighth. he missed a relatively straightforward red to a middle pocket. White seized his chance with a clearance of 79, looking confident despite the scoreline.

Defeat would be a setback to his chances of returning to the game's elite. Having fig-ured in the semi-finals of the Grand Prix last month, White had high hopes of regaining the place in the top 16 he relinquished at the end of the 1996-97 season after 15 years of unbroken occupation. Peter Ebdon, the No 5 seed,

recovered from a hesitant start to be level at 4-4 after the opening session against Ja-son Prince, an Irishman based in Yorkshire, Ebdon, who went in-off unluckily after potting the black to lose the first frame, trailed 3-1, but stole the fifth with a clearance of 45 and began to look the more likely winner. Either McManus or White awaits in the fourth round.

# Wigan move agreed

M RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan Warriors have confirmed plans to share Wigan Athletic Football Club's new 25,000-capacity stadium, which is to be built at Robin Park in the town (Christopher Irvine writes). Wigan have sold Central Park for supermarket development and are due to move out after the 1999

Tommy Martyn, the St Helens stand-off half, has withdrawn a transfer request and agreed a new Martyn has not played since May because of a knee

# Drawn apart

HOCKEY: The seven remaining Premier League sides have avoided each other in the fourth round draw of the English Women's HA Cup. At least two non-league sides are assured of a place in the last 16, with Sunbury taking on Welton and Harleston facing Dereham in a Norfolk derby. The holders, Hightown, have a home draw against Canterbury. who are now second in the first division.

# Raleigh recruit

**CYCLING:** Carl Sturgeon, whose victory in Sunday's second round of the cyclo-cross National Trophy gave him the overall lead in the series, will join the strong Team Raleigh squad which is led by Barrie Clarke, the national champion, on January i.

# Miami lead

**MAMERICAN FOOTBALL:** Dan Marino threw for 234 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Miami Dolphins to a 30-13 defeat of the Buffalo Bills in the Monday night game, giving them a share of the lead in the AFC East division with the New York Jets.

# Awkward start

play Spain, the 1996 Olympic silver medal-winners, in the first of their pool matches in the men's World Cup in Utrecht, Holland, on May 21 Rext Year. Fedures: May 21: v Spain (8,05pm) May 23: v Pakistan (1 35) May 25: v Poland (5 35) May 27: v Australia (3,05), May 28: v Malaysia (3,05)

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SNOOKER PRESTON: Liverpool Victoria United King dom championship: Second round: Greene (Eng.) b; S Davis (Eng.) 9-2; O; Hen (Aus.) bi N Bond (Eng.) 9-6, M William (Wales) bi J Brich (Eng.) 9-6, A Hicks (Eng. bi L Richardson (Eng.) 9-5; D Taylor (N In

HARTFORD, Connecticut: Heritord Wom-er's Open: Semi-finato: S Fitz-Genald (Aus) bt C Nitch (SA) 9-3, 9-2, 9-7; C Jackman (Eng) bt L Iving (Aus) 9-2, 9-1 rest Fitz-Genald bt Jackman, 9-4, 9-7, 9-3

NEW YORK: WTA Chase Championsh First round: N Tazziat (F1) bt A Costzer (S 8-3, 8-3; M Plerce (F1) bt S Appelmans (B 8-3, 6-4; I Spiries (Rom) bt S Testuci (F1) 6

5-7, 6-4.

PATTAYA, Theliand: Volvo Women's Open: First round: R Dregomir (Rom) bit L Horn (S4) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; L Golerse (d) tet Yoshida (Jacen) 6-2, 6-3; C Moranu (LS) bit K Kunce (Aus) 6-1, 6-2; H Nagyera (Sloveka) bit Bindo (Japen) 1-5, 6-4, 6-2 Wang Sh-Ting (Talven) bit M Saaki (Japen) 6-1, 6-2, 8 Noorlender (Holi) bit 7 Panova (Puss) 6-3, 6-3; C Crista (Pom) bit Cho Yoon Jeong (S Kor) 6-3, 6-3; B Sengaram (Thei) bit M Nort (Thai) 6-1, 7-4; D ven Phost (Bel) bit N ven Lottum (F) 6-4, 6-0 **VOLLEYBALL** 

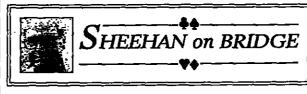
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# By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When dummy has bare trump honours and plenty of tricks on the side, making dummy ruff can be the winning defence - it may promote a trump trick. This is a simple example.

Dealer North Love all **≜**A862 VAQ +KQ943 **♣**J 10 **♦QJ1095** ₹103 **¥**J865 +865 ₽AK753 **♦**K43 ₹K9742

In the match between Belarus

Generali European Championship, North-South arrived in Four Hearts after South had shown 10 or 11 points and no club stopper. The German West, Andrew Holowski. brightly played three rounds of clubs. Declarer had to ruff in dummy and now West's trump holding was worth two tricks. Had West switched after taking two clubs, declarer could have arranged to unblock dummy's ace-queen of hearts and then come to hand to draw a third round with the king. Then he plays on diamonds, losing two clubs and just one trump.

and Germany in the 1997

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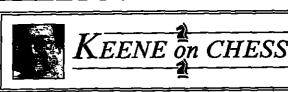
# By Philip Howard

AULARIAN a. A winged dinosaur b. A monophysite heretic c. To do with a college

**FASCINATOR** a. A head shawl a. Wrapped up b. Pre-Jurassic c. Hibernating DYBBUK

a. A two-volume German book b. A masty spirit c. To entrap

Answers on page 50



Anti Sicilian

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

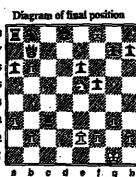
# Veteran's exploit

Earlier this week I have mentioned performances by the two veteran Russians Vassily Smyslov and Mark Taimanov. A third Russian veteran whose play can still dis-play the sparkle of his greatest days is 73 year old David Bronstein. In the following game

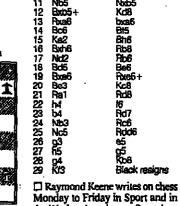
White: Bronstein

Black: Vedder Hoogeveen 1997 Opeen's Indian Defence

10 Qc2 11 Rad1 12 Rxd2 13 a3



One of the most effective lines against the popular Sicilian De-fence is 2 c3. This avoids much of the theory, while still being sound and aggressive. Here is a good example from the World Team White: Ekstroem Black: Gaprindashvili World Team Championship. Lucerne 1997 bxa6 Bt5 Bt6 Rb8 Rb6 Be6 Rxe6+ Kc8 Rd8



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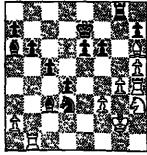
the Weekend section on Saturday.

# WHATNGHOVE

# By Raymond Keene

Black to play. From the game Holzl - Speelman, Hastings

With three pawns and a bishop against a rook, Black has a very good position. He now increased his material advantage to even greater proportions. Can you see how? Solution on page 50



b. A magpie trap

c. A player in the Wall Game

# Athletes who have ability but no class will never be great



Jonah Lomu and the All Blacks are the ultimate bullies; Hick, the ultimate flat-track bully; Cole, a reformed flat-tracker; and McEnroe, a classic non-bully

#### slipped into my mind as I watched New Zealand put 52 unanswered points past Ireland on Saturday. The phrase was "flat-track bully". Not altogether inappropriate, because the phrase was a New Zealander's contemptuous assessment of the talents of Graeme Hick a few years back.

The ability to dismiss inadequate opposition is nothing to be sneezed at. It is a job that needs to be done and the All Blacks, once they had found their stride, were relentless, merciless, utterly unforgiving. Ireland needed to be beaten and were soundly beaten. If New Zealand were, indeed, flat-track bullies in the second

admiringly. The term was not used admiringly of Hick. It implied a limitation. It meant that Hick was a superb player against poor opposition and in favourable conditions. There was probably no better man in the world when it came to the task of destroying inadequate bowlers.

If ever you needed someone to score a century against Holland, then Hick was your man — Why not? Someone has

# If you cannot beat the best, be a bully

SIMON BARNES

world, something went out of him. It was never his ability to play cricket that was in question. That elusive and terrible failing has made Hick one of the most fascinating sporting conundrums of all times.

mantle of the flat-track bully. Rangers have little option to tinely and inevitably finds them out. Manchester United showed signs of going the same way. Domestic football seemed as if it was becoming easy. They put nine goals past Inswich Town a couple of seasons ago, with Andy Cole, a flat-track bully within a flattrack bully team, scoring five. But Europe found them out.

It is vastly to the credit of the team and the manager that this season, United, and Cole within it, have transcended

to do it — but when Hick came to face the best bowling in the Entire teams can take on the

their flat-track bully status. So

clearly possible to do so. With

a flat-track bully and then go

far, they have bullied the hapless at home and confidently taken on the best of Europe as well. It is no small matter to acquire the status of

marbles in a grand-slam final. He never snarled when he played Bjorn Borg. Yet at least with teams it is Borg, too, often lacked the

would normally need some near-disaster, some wobbly five-setter in the early rounds at Wimbledon, before his mind focused on his target. In contrast, Richard Krajicek, who won the men's singles title last year, did so in the manner of a flat-track bully, after taking his chance against an unfit and out-of-sorts Pete individuals, it is, perhaps, out Sampras on the way. People such as Krajicek and of the question. Interestingly,

Hick are just as good as the very top men, sometimes they are even better, but they do not normally win. They do not often make big scores against the very best. Why is this?

My mind goes back to horses, as it tends to, and to that indefinible thing called It happens, often not wish to overtake slower ones. It is to do with dominance hierarchy, a race being a temporary herd. It is a question of knowing your place, a matter summed up for all time in the phrase "cheap horses know it". A true flat-track buily, team

or individual, has ability with-Note that he never mislaid the out class. He has everything it takes to be a top dog except the will. Every flat-track bully is a cheap horse and, in his heart, quality of flat-track bully. He he knows it.

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12.00 Lomaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Reebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

# with them. They are only 15 and taking their first holiday together and he feels they need a chaperon. come out of their cocoon and face the world. being a probation officer, he says, means he is used to taking groups of delinquents away (joke). The self-styled Shelfield Spice Girls need nobody to look after them as they live it up in Magaluf. One Secret Lives: L. Ron Hubbard Channel 4, 9.00pm describes it as 14 Friday nights on the trot. Drink and sex loom large, especially the former. After this it is a relief to turn to three women in their 80s and to hear about their trip to St Petersburg, where they sampled the vodka and the Metro and were relieved that the food was not as bad as they had

Channel 4, 9.00pm

The founder of the Church of Scientology, this profile observes, "spent much of his later life at sea, on the run from those who accused him of being a crook or a charlatan". Disappointingly, perhaps, the film fails to resolve these charges one way or the other. All the same, it is hardly a flattering portrait, even though it is largely based on the testimonies of Hubbard's close associates. As is the way with leaders of cults, Hubbard had a way of getting people to do his bidding. "I was overwhelmed," recalls one supporter. Cyril Vosner. "I was meeting God with plus signs." The Vosper, "I was meeting God with plus signs." The irony highlighted by the film is that the man who claimed to cleanse the minds of others failed with his own. He became dictatorial, paranoid and egocentric and died a recluse. But the church continues to protect his image. Peter Waymark

Start of a four-part series presented by Billy Bragg, whose own musical focus has crystallised over the

years from a pop-rock base into a much more folk-orientated style now. The series sets out to tell the history of working-class music in the United Kingdom and America so it is territory familiar to

Bragg. That is especially so of tonight's prog-ramme on folk music, which explores the origins of folk in the American Civil War and the British

Industrial Revolution, taking in an impressive range of singers, from Woody Guthrie in the 1930s to Britain's Ewan McColl 40 years later. The 1990s

has brought a working-class revival in terms of popular song, thanks to albums by Bruce

Chalet girls take a break (BBC2, 9.00pm)

for five months. She gets £55 a week, with free board and lodging, and it saves her having to decide what to do with her life. Andy also cleans

out chalets, though at 32 he realises he is getting a bit old. But, as with Herrietta, it is an excuse not to

face up to the real world. The third subject, Tony, is headhunter who earns so much money wor three days a week in London that he can afford to spend most of his time in Meribel. But hubbles tend to burst and as the season ends, the trio must

#### They call it the bubble because it insulates themfrom real life. Daniel Reed's film is set in Meribel, a ski resort in the French Alps, and features three Britons who, in their various ways, have gone there to escape. Henrietta, a 23-year-old from Henley-on-Thames, has signed on as a chalet girl

RADIO CHOICE

#### Late Night Opening: The Iguanodon Blue Collar Radio 2, 9pm

The Late Night Opening comedy slot has its ups and downs, as comedy slots tend to do, but this, the start of a three-parter by Paul Lucas, is one of the ups, especially for those who enjoy a mixture of whimsy and wordplay. Captain: "If it wasn't for punctuality we'd all run out of breath". Passenger: That's punctuation, captain." The impetus for the drama is the attempt by Mr Brooks (Bernard Cribbins) to have an unforgettable sea voyage after "a lifetime in custards". The unplanned lig rendezvous is the start, rather than the end of the adventure, which involves sailing into the notorious Woe Betides. As well as Cribbins, the cast includes Paul Haigh (Eric in *Preston Front*), Rosemary Leach and Patsy Byrne.

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ITV, 8.00pm (not STV or Grampian)

Devotees of John Thaw's grumpy, opera-loving detective can be assured that his 31st televised case is well up to the standard of the previous 30. The series may have been running since 1987 but the formula has changed little and at this rate old Morse could still be solving murders well into the

next century. By now the appeal of the show lies in feeling comfortable with predictable ingredients. When a young woman is shot dead in her home and an Oxford college prepares to choose a new Master, we can be sure that the two are linked. We

know that the unravelling of the crime will be leisurely and convoluted. We can relish (all too briefly) James Grour's irascible Chief Super and

savour the contributions of the usual quality cast which tonight includes Richard Briers, John Shrapnel and Maggie Steed.

Girl power is the theme of tonight's show in which all the featured holidaymakers are female. Just how much power Sarah and her friends possess is

ed by the fact that her Dad comes to Spain

The Real Holiday Show

Channel 4, 8.30pm

BBC2, 9.00pm

Radio 4, Ilpm

# RADIO 5 LIVE

# TALK RADIO

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# WORLD SERVICE

6.00mm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Of the Sheff: The Handmald's Tale 7.30 Mentidan Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westiway 8.30 Everywoman 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Farming World 9.30 Science File 9.45 Sport 10.00 Newsdask 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 Sports International 12.00 News 12.06pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Wildfrack 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Megamix 3.00 News News in German (648 only) 3.05 Sport 3.15 Performance 3.30 Everywoman 4.00 News 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 The World Today; News in German (648 only) 4.45 Britain 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 Sport 8.00 Newsdask 6.30 The World Today; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause' for Thiotight-7.30 Multitrack X-Press 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain 6.00mm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Sport 11**,00** N 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.05 CURDOK 11.30 MUNUTECK A-Press 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30em F. O. O. C. 12.45 Britain 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omribus 2.00 Newsdey 2.30 Meriden Books 3.00 News 3.05 Business 3.15 Sport 3.30 Journey to the Centre of the Atom 3.46 Children in Conversation 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe

# CLASSIC FM

6,00cm Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Raques Hour 2.00 Concerto, Brahms (Violin Concerto in D) 3.00 James Crick 7.00 Neweright with John Brunning 7.30 Sonate, Haydri (Keytocard Sonate No 38 in F) 8.00 Evening Concert, Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellin'); Respight (Three Botticelli Pictures) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

# VIRGIN RADIO

5.00em Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evens 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (AM) Celmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in C); Delius (Violin Sonata No 3); Mozart (Fantasie in F minor); Dvořák (The Wild Dove); Chabrier (España); Aliven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1, Midsummer Vigil)

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9.00 Morming Collection, with Peter Hobdey. Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Granoli (O Intermerate); Falla (The Three-Comered Hat)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toal. Telamann (Overture-Suite in C); Schubert (Song selection); Glinka (Velse-fartaisie; The Lark); Shichedriin (Concarto for Orchestra No 2, Chimes); Haydn (Paro Trio in E) Henze (Telemenniane); Dohnanyi (Suite in the Old Style); Kodaly (Hary Janos)

12.00 Composer of the Weets Strauss. John Deathridge assesse the influence of Wegner on the work of Strauss

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wignrore Hall, London. Jess Trio: Elisabeth Jess-Kropfitsch (violin), Stafan Jess-Kropfitsch (callo), Johannes Jess-Kropfitsch (piano). Haydn (Plano Trio in F); Schubert (Plano Trio in 8 flat)

2.00 Mitthewelk Cholca. Telephone 0171-765 4308

4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Lichfield Cathedral 5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Gramophone Awardwiner Murray Perahia reveals how his new recording of Schumann's Plano Concerto has given him a pession for music by this keyboard master. Music includes Knachutrian's ballet

given him a pession for music by this keyboard master. Music includes Khachaturlan's ballet Spartacus, about the revolt of Roman size

cello, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Yakov Kreizberg. Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor) 8.15 Till the Unready. Edward De Souza reads the cautionary tale of a modern-day Eulerspiegel, who can't quite get started on his First Symphony 8.35 Concert pert two. Strause (Till Eulerspiegel); Stravirsky (Suite The Firebird, 1919)
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9.30 Postscript: Tales from the Stacks Reflections on the experience of fibraries great and small, here and abroad. The lost library of Alexandria, an evocative symbol of the venished knowledge of the Ancient world, is said to have contained around 400,000 manuscripts, many of which were accidentally burnt when Julius Caesar was besieged in Alexandria (3/5)

9.45 Dence, Clarion Air. Choral music by Michael Tippett performed by the Finzi Singers

10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Coull Quartet, with two van der Werfi, viola and David Smith, cello. Mendelssohn (Capriccio): Brahms (String Sextet No 2 in G)

Brairns (String Sextet No 2 in 6)

10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter looks at Jernes Hyan's new book on the art of photography. Picturing Empire, and reports on Welcome to Sarajavo, Michael Winterbottom's new particular and reports for manufacturing the conflict set in the committee of the

in examining journalistic athics in a war zone

11.30 Composer of the Weel: Liget! (r)

12.30em Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather is joined by
Paul Jones and Tony Russell to pay tribute to
Jimmy Witherspoon, who died in September

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55cm (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Brising 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Yoday 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Mildweek, with the *Thres* columbs

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10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jerni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (f)
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by Michael Butt, based on a story by Michael
Gilbert. Detective inspector Petrella lives in a
twilight world of criminality and existential angst,
and the mystary of a lost traveller on the
Underground does not improve his view of the
universe. With Philip Jackson and Stephen Boxer
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Deire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gembacchi
reviews the musical Chicago and discusses wer
on film with the opening of Regeneration and
Welcome to Sangevo

4.45 Short Story: The Wilner, by Barbara Kimenye, read by Anthony Otoegbu. After a substantial win on the pools, a Ligandan villager struggles to come to terms with his sudden popularity.

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7.20 Mysterious Ways, The Times columnist Libby
Purves explores how christenings, weddings and
funerals have changed over the centuries (2/6)
8.05 A Night with — Ken Campbell. The actor and
playwight unlocks the secrets of his nights and
chooses poetry, prose and music which evoke
right-time for har. (2/6)
8.30 On Glambs Shoulders: Gelileo — the
Columbus of the Stara. The Times columnist
Melvyn Bragg talks to the physicist Paul Davies
and the historiers Mario Bagoti, Margaret
Werthelm and Michael Sherrett (2/6)
9.00 Costing the Earth. A new series of the eavironmental magazine. Jermy Cherias exemines the
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9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tordight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtimer A Simple Heart, Julian Barnes reads Gustave Flaubert's classic tale of a woman's file in 19th carabry Normandy (1/3)
11.00 The Iguanodon. See Choice
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12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Bright Lighte,
Big City, by Jay Michemey (3/10) (r)
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# **MOTOR RACING**

# Coulthard upset over sacrifice at Jerez

DAVID COULTHARD said yesterday that he was upset when his McLaren team ordered him to allow Mika Hakkinen, his team-mate, to pass him and claim victory in the European Grand Prix that

ended the season last month. The Scot said that he was set to win the race at Jerez, Spain, before the command came through from the pits to allow the pursuing Hakkinen through. The reason I was disappointed was that there had been no discussion before the race about the possibility of that situation," Coulthard said. "But Mika deserved the win. It is important to remem-

driver, Michael Schumacher, after his ramming of the Williams car of Jacques Villeneuve, the world champion, in the race.

the ability to bully the inade-

quate is not an essential part of

the armoury of a champion. Some great champions have

possessed almost nothing of this quality. John McEnroe is

a classic example of the non-

flat-track bully. His lack of

this quality almost literally

drove him mad. Note that his

ever came when he took on

players a good way below him

When he could not get his

mind around the straightfor-ward task of a straight-sets

win against a journeyman, the

devils would gather and the

barley water would start to fly.

in the rankings.

There was widespread criticism of the punishment, which also included stripping the German of his second place in this year's Formula One world championship. The ruling was given by FIA, the world governing body of motor sport.

"To ban him for a couple of

races would not be healthy for the sport and a fine would hardly dent his £30 million-ayear salary," Coulthard said.
"The fact that he has to spend time in the off-season young people is fine. The fact that there has been a spotlight on his actions will make him

(c) Pertaining to or characteristic of a hall in a collegiate university, especially in respect to its power of self-administration. From the Latin aula a hall. "As the foundation of this establishment marks a new era in the academical annals of this University. It is not with reason that the name of New College should still attach to this erection. Before this period, however, the Authorian system was

(a) A head shawl worn by women, either crocheted or made of a soft material. "Doris, in a pink cloak trimmed with swansdown and a candy striped facinator over her dark head, stepped out."

(a) Closed up. Applied to an egg enclosed in a shell or membrane. From the Greek kleidóö, kléis, kleid-a key. The history of the steps which led to the deidoic egg is the history of eggs in general."

(b) In Jewish folk-lore, the malevolegt spirit of a dead person that enters and controls the body of a living person until exorcised, a kind of membus and successus. From the Hebrew dibbūk to cling or deave. "An old Jew who my ttered jargon into a rabbi's beard as if saying a spell against Dybbuks."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I ... Bell traps the h4-rook and leaves Black with an easy win on material.

# **SAILING**

# Swedes set pace for Fremantle

SWEDISH MATCH, the leaders in the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World yacht race, reasserted themselves yesterday in the gruelling Southern Ocean. Gunnar Krantz, the skipper, and his crew have endured rough seas and a broken spinnaker and seen their lead cut by 200 miles by the hackmarkers.

However, for 12 hours yesterday, they were the fastest boat in the fleet, with an average speed of 18 knots. Krantz said: "We have been feeling like a bunted animal for the last day and a half, but, limping round the Kergnelen Islands, we found new food and energy and now we are

Swedish Match was 1,717.6 miles from Fremantie, Australia. vesterday and, at the present rate of progress, could complete the second leg of the race by Monday.

Innovation Kvaerner remained second, 326 miles behind, having gained 8.4 miles yesterday morning. However, the Norwegian boat lost time while the crew repaired damage to the bow and replaced battens in the mainsail, enabling Toshiba to move 60 miles closer in third

After the repairs were completed. Kvaerner reached a speed of 20 knots.

We got the thing down and took it easy for a while when I considered that we had gone beyond the safety limit," Knut Frostad, the Kvaerner skipper, said. "The wind dropped a bit before we got something bigger up - and now we're

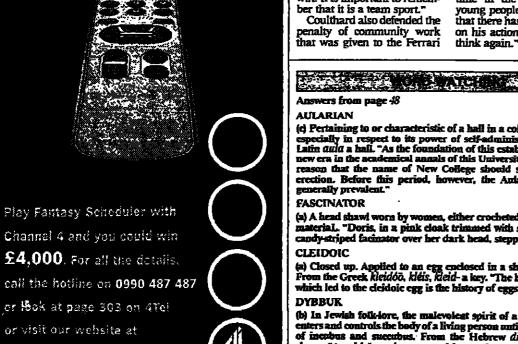




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T f Jehovah's Witnesses didn't learnt, was all about living within that all his Christmases had come insist on knocking on the front The Truth. Being a modern docudoor the second after you've stepped into the bath, you wonder what we would find to complain about. Bit over-familiar with God (how do they know that first name terms are OK?), preoccupied by Satan and certainly more than a keystone short of a vaulted ceiling when it comes to architecture, but apart from that a decent enough bunch.

That was the main problem with last night's Cutting Edge The End is Nigh (Channel 4). Despite the big come on offered by the narration: "Although Jehovah's Witnesses are happy to come round to your house at inconvenient moments, this is the first time they have let us into their private world," Chris Shepherd's film was about as revelatory as The Watchtower's wildlife edition. Just rather more fun.

mentary-maker, we all already knew, is all about getting The Sex in early — and Shepherd set about his task enthusiastically. Not that it was difficult when the congregation at Kingdom Hall, Ahingdon, included Mauritza, a Cuban-born F former circus acrobat who now passes her day as a Lycra-clad aerobics instructor. Any man would be more than happy to forsake their Saturday morning ablutions, if they knew it was

Mauritza at the front door. But any man would not get a look-in. Relationships are sup-posed to be conducted within The Matthew, a lanky computer programmer who — in the outside world run by Satan - would have stood as much chance of landing a Mauritza as he would a Melinda Messenger. To be fair, he had the Being a Jehovah's Witness, we look of a man who knew full well

at once. "I just got mesmerised by those lovely green eyes," he explained; a comment which I thought had a hint of Satan about it but, because they were engaged, was apparently all right.

To be fair to Shepherd, he

treated what in documentary terms was a sitting target with considerable restraint, allowing the happy couple time to be enchanting (it's a very loving, very close relationship"), to admit to the frustration of abiding by church rules ("we're human just like everybody else") and yet still deliver what he had been after in Truth, which was good news for the first place. When unchaperoned, Mauritza and Matthew had to have their meals where they could be seen - in a car parked

outside her house. Not that Shepherd seemed exactly awash with other material to fill his allowed time. The return of



Matthew Bond

the prodigal teenager, Rachel. from her Satan-strewn path (car breakdowns, horse-bites: you name it, he got blamed for it) to baptism was charted in detail but there was virtually nothing on the origins of the Church, its funding or why they feel so impelled to go round knocking on doors telling the rest of us that the end is very nigh. One Witness admitted to getting rather fed up with it, but moment of dripping, towel-clutching madness, lets slips the words: "I don't know what the world's coming to." They do, you see. I don't know whether they've

called on Sarah Hills yet in

EastEnders (BBCI), but now might be a good moment. Having had the weekend to get over Joe, she's dedicating herself to a new life of ... more schoolwork and longer hours at the church refuge. This is not promising, especially for Irene, the only mother in Christendom who wants her teenage daughter to spend more time

going to parties and meeting boys. But things are looking more promising on other fronts, as the series catches its breath after the excitements and departures of last week. Larraine, for so long the apple of his eye, may have gone, but Nigel's affections — unless I am mistaken - have already

him pondering a change of image. Into what, for goodness sake? As for Clare herself, she's now smitten by a floppy-haired adolescent who looks destined to be the male lead in a BBC period drama in about

five years' time. But that's far from all, as spring appears to have arrived months early in Walford. There's Robbie and Mary (please no). Phil and Annie (hmm, interesting) and, most worrying, Ian and Ros, his private detective. I often wondered who Clare Grogan would end up with. but never in a million years did I imagine it would be Ian Beale.

lsewhere, television's cur-rent obsession with natural disaster continued with Savage Earth (ITV), a series which sets out to go... pretty much where Raging Planet went on Channel 4 last Saturday and

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what drives them all on is the hope moved on. After his home visit to Earth and Life will go on BBC2 that somebody, presumably in a Clare's teacher on Monday, we left this Friday. Watch all three and there'll precious little about voicanology you don't know.

While the starting-off point for Raging Planet was Montserrat, Savage Earth concentrated on Mount St Helens, the Washington State volcano which erupted in 1980, killing almost 60 people. With some lucky-to-be-alive survivors to tell the story and some astonishing time-lapse photography of half a mountain being blown away, it was gripping television, but clearly not gripping enough to have been rewarded with an earlier slot.

After that, it all got a bit more familiar - Italy, Iceland, Indonesia and eventually Hawaii, where we met a couple of volcano-freaks who had got married on a lava flow that was just three hours old. Of course, it was gone now, they said proudly. That's the crucial thing about apocalypses: timing.

#### 6.00am Business Breakfast (50068) 7.00 SBC Breakfast News (I) (55426) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (5580258)

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9.25 Style Challenge (5592093) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (3926285) 10,30 Change That (r) (7288187) 10.55 The Reelly Useful Show (I) (7714797) 11.35 Real Rooms (5611278) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6277529) 12.05cm Call My Bluff (2161187) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (2123426) 1.00 News (T) and weather (58513) 1.30 Regional News (84317838)

1,40 The Weather Show (59868703) 1.45 Neighbours (1) (44240971) 2.05 Cruincy (f) (2980616) 2.55 Wogan's Beat of Blankety Blank

3.30 Playdevs (8131161) 3.50 ChuckleVision (8055797) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (4860249) 4.35 Out of Tune (1757161) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5325884)

5.10 Blue Peter Behind the scenes of The Phoenix and the Carpet, a new BBC drama based on E Nesbit's classic children's tale (T) (9276884) .

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (325180) 6.00 Sb: O'Clock News (T) and weather (703) 5.30 Regional News (165)

7.00 Face Value Could a witch-doctor be the key to good looks? Plus, a look ahead to tashion at the turn of the century (1) (6529)7.30 Tomorrow's World Philippe Forreste

reports on music-making using light waves for severely disabled children (7) 8.00 Crime Best Police reveal some of the tactics used to nobble bogus callers who trick their way into people's homes (T)

8.30 The National Lottery Live (1) (771991) 8.45 Points of View (1) (302567) 8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal v Democrats (T) (268987)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1); Regional News

9.29 National Lottery Update (162155) 9.30 Absolutely Fabulous: Jeelous Edina rubs shoulders with the stars at a PR bash she has funded in the hope of bagging a law awards (r) (T) (21884) 10.00 The X Files Legendary monster killer El

Chupacabra is cited as the likely cause of ries of deaths in a Mexican enclave M 55113451 10.45 Tom Jones Period trama with Max Beesley, Brien Blessed and Samentha Morton (r) (1) (136703) WALES: 10.45 First Resort (900884) 11.15 Tom Jones

(473906) 12.10mm Fil.M: A Kiss Before Dying (3612391) 1.40 Weather (9224594) 1.45 BBC News 24 (17812) 11.40 A Kisa Before Dying (1991) with Mati Dillon, Sean Young, Max von Sydow and Diane Ladd. A handsome, charming

psychopetir murders his pregnant children and maries ber twn sister. Checked by James Dearden (818890) Followed by Westher

1.10am BBC News 24 (5589681)

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7.15 Teletubbles (r) (4838068) 7.46 Smurfs' Adventures (r) (2235109) 8.05 It'll Never Work (r) (T) (2815906) 8.30 Model Mille (r) (2765513) 8.45 The Record (9501987) 9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (9399285) 9.25 English Express (2015242) 9.45 Words and Pictures

(4498616) 10.00 Teletubbles (95136) 10.30 Numbertime (6363695) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (2084600) 11.00 Around Scotland (1527364) 11.20 The Geography Programme (3228426) 11.40 Revista (1365203) 11.55 Quinze Minutes Plus (1796703) 12.10pm Science in Action (8763819)

12.30 Working Lunch (77790) 1.00 Noddy (†) (25911646) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (6268600) 2.10 Golng, Going, Gone (62401451) 2.40 News (T) (3270600) 2.45 Westminster (T) (4644258) 3.55 News (T) (8095600)

4.00 Ready, Steedy, Cook (628) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1758432) 4.55 Esther (9503987) 5.30 Today's the Day

6.00 Star Traic The Next Generation (r) (l) (160987) 6.45 Stiders (r) (T) (3928)

7.30 Black Britain Black firefighters driven out of their profession by racist tourits. Plus: a report on the first black dancer to join the Royal Ballet (T) (109)



Referee Gary Rhodes (8.00pm)

8.00 Gary Rhodes The wandering chef visits side to cook for a women's soccer team, with an average age of 82 (1)

8.30 Home Front A modern country kitchen

the dangers of lead paint; two young sisters have their bedroom renovated (T)

investigation into young Britions who shun Britain for a life on the ski-slopes (1) (276074) 9.50 Breaking Point A couple with a baby.

whose relationship is disintegrating because the mother wants to get married while the faither prefers to stay as they are, seek help from Relate (T) (637242) 10.30 Party Political Broadcast By the Liberal

Democrats (342567) 18.35 Newsmight (I) (679093) 11.20 Prison Weekly (T) (804168) 11.55 Weather (355971) 12.00 The Midnight Hour

12.30am Learning Zone: The Making of Peter Snow (9604310) 12.45 Architecture in Britain (9910759) 2.00 Modern Languages (63117) 4.00 Italianissimo 9-12 (23759) 5.00 Business and Training (37556) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update (20681)

6.00am GMTV (4052548) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5405513) 9.55 Regional News (1) (8922242) 10.00 The Time, the Place (20242)

10.30 This Morning (1) (48371987) 12.20pm Regional News (6193513) 12.30 News (T) and weather (2215451) 12.55 Shortland Street (2127242) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (26945105) 1.50 The Rockford Files (1) (5576068) 2.50 Vanessa (1) (8631703)

3.20 News (I) (8943161) 3,25 Regional News (8942432)

3.30 Tots TV (3867180). 3.40 The Singing Kettle News (1156432) 3.50 The New Advertures of Winnle the Pooh (8337109) 4.20 Nell's Art Attack Scrapbook (7) (9614141) 4.45 Sebrina the Teenage Witch (1) (1675513)

5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (1) (9801635) 5.10 No Naked Flames: The Work Experience (9801635)

5.40 News (1) and weather (575258) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (910155) 6.25 Regional weather (362109) 6.30 Regional News (1) (451)



Cameron and Bracknell (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale Zoe (Leah Bracknell) and Sophie (Jane Cameron) attend their first session at the clinic (1) (8797)

7.30 Coronation Street Jon concocts an elaborate plan to secure Deirdre's future happiness (T) (635)

Now My Neighbour With John Thaw, Kevin Whately (7) (1703) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast: Liberal Democrats (I) (100180)

10.05 Naws at Ten (T), Lottery Result and weather (405987) 10.35 Regional News (I) (337631)

10.45 WALES: Who Dunnit? Death on a Summer's Day (512780) 10.45 Conen the Destroyer (1984) with Amold Schwarzenegger as the heroic wantor, in a sequel to Conan the Barbarian . With

Grace Jones. Directed by Richard 11.15 WALES: Top Sport (900819) 12,45em Colims and Maconie's Movie Club

1.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6594204) 1.40 Nurse on Wheels (1963, b/w) with Juliet

Mills, Rorald Lewis and Joan Sims. Touching comic tale directed by Gerald Thomas (6042778)

3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (97002391) 3.30 Motor Racing (r) (1) (3967730)

4.25 Cool Vibes (40490339) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93513488) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (57310) 5.30 News (24407)

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As HTV West except 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2127242) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9801635)

11.45 Anatomy of Diseaster (545432) 12.50am Film: Absence of Malice (55769339) 3.00 lp Focus (5883372)

3.40 The Good Sex Guide Late (3981310)

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11,15 The Westcountry Match (468074)

12.10am Brian Clough's Early Years

As HTV West except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (9801635) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (971) 6.30-7.00 Put it to the Test (451) 10,40 The Meridian Match (3006074) 11.45 Beyond Reason (112744) 12,15am Meridian Masterclass (67335) 5.00 Freescreen (57310)

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10,50 Film: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (38848616)

Starts: 7,00em The Big Breekfast (44364).

9.00 Ysgolion (875221) 11.30 Powerhouse (6857) 12.00 Sesame Street (70616) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (80278)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (74682154) 1.15 Tic Toc (79612659) 1,30 Gardens Without Borders (84211600)

1.45 Film: I Confess (74727432) 3,30 Collectors' Lot (529)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (364) 4.30 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the

World (548) 5.00 5 Pump (8842277) 5.15 Fiell (5400529)

5.30 Countdown (600)

6.00 Newyddion (372971) 6.10 Heno (175819) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (746432)

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Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol (203242) 8.35 Newyddion (128432)

9.05 Cracker (745141) 10.05 Brookside (985906)

10.40 Babylon 5 (461682)

11.35 Looking for Taid (829971) 11.50 Under the Moon (66752600) 4.30am Chinese Football (79020) 5.00-5.30 Screaming Reels (55952)

9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (83180) 9.30 Good Health (T) (4495529) 9.45 Book Box (T) (4310884) 10.00 Stage Two Science (T) (4113659) 10.15 Rat-a-Tat-Tat (1068780) 10.30 6.25-7.00 Central News (600180) 10.45 Central Sports Special (419722) Geographical Eye (1) (231252) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (1) (855709) 11.00 First Edition IV (3315906) 11.15 The Mix

(1) (3305529) 11,30 Powerhouse Political magazine (6857) 12.00 Sesame Street (70616) 12.30pm Light Lunch (54529) 1.30 Gardens

7.00mm The Blg Breakfast (44364)

Without Borders (T) (84211600) 1.45 Brothers in Law (1957, b/w) Ian Carmichael, Richard Attenborough and Terry-Thomas star in this cornedy about the legal profession, directed by Roy Boutting (1) (74727432)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (529) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (364) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1678600) 4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (9425155) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (600) 6.00 Gamesmaster A new series of the

computer games megazine, presented by Dominik Diamond with Patrick Moore. This week's featured game is Tornb Raider II (T) (1/10) (513) 6.30 Roseanne A long hot soak in the bath is all Roseanne longs for (r) (1) (203)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (903123)

7.50 Golden Oldies (267635) 8.00 Brookside Jacqui considers the consequences of her first attempt a artificial insemination. Tim struggles to come to terms with rejection. Barry turns his attentions to Alisdair (T) (8987)

The Real Holiday Show Gelbby Roslin presents the video diaries of three groups of women spanning the generations. Five teeragers on their first holiday together go camping in Spain; ten "Sheffield Spice Girls" sample the delights of Magaluf, and three eightysomethings take in the Russian sights (T) (3762)



Ron Hubbard, scientologist (9.00pm)

Secret Lives: L. Ron Hubbard The story of the science fiction writer who went on to found the Church of Scientology (T)

10.00 Caddyshack (1980) with Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield. Cornedy about an uncouth property developer who wants to buy an exclusive not club and build on it. Directed by Harold Ramis (1)

(409677) 11.50 Under the Moon Scotts medszine (66752600) 4.30am Chinese Football The end of season

clash between Shanghai and Tianjin (r) (79020)5.00 Screaming Reels (r) (T) (55952)

5.55 Sesame Street (6381812)

5.30 Geographical Rye River floods of 1995 (r) (7) (9531335)

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6.00am 5 News Early (2527529)

7.30 Milikshake (4100971) 7.35 Stickin' Around (r) (6674722) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (5447187) 8.30 WideWorld Documentary series on

human migration. Today, what it is like to be of Asian origin in Britain (9/10) (6897628) 9,00 Espresso (2562074) 10,00 Exclusive (r) (8596426) 10,30 Vanessa's Day With . . . Max Clifford (r) (1) (1948172)

11.00 Leeza (7217180) 11.50 Double Espresso (94491180) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2297664) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8331513)

1,00 5 News Update (65341839) 1.05 Sunset Beach (1) (3293987) 2.00 5's Company (8198155) 3.30 The Room Upstairs (1987) with Stockard Channing and Sam Waterston.
The story of a fortysomething guest-house owner who falls for one of her

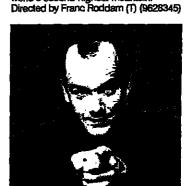
clients - a cellist. Directed by Stuart Margolin (8305797) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (13656074) 5.30 Whittle (1) (3658635) 6.00 100 Per

Cent (3655548) 6.30 Family Affairs Susie is apprehensive about Holly's decision (1) (3566600) 7.00 Exclusive Soap stars who release pop

records (5237074) 7.30 Direllers of the Deep Following a deep-water research team (1) (3562884)

8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hague and his team transform media modul Peter Raeburn's roof terrace in the heart of London (5246722)

8.30 5 News (T) (5232529) 9.00 K2 (1992) starring Michael Biehn and Fill if American triends who join tour other climbers in an attempt to scale the



Jack Docherty entertains (11.00pm)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show With Kylie Minogue and the Lightning Seeds (4266529)

12.45am Live and Dangerous includes American college tootball and baseball (32279407) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police

drama series starring Karl Malden and

# 11 45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8063548)

Michael Douglas (T) (7224049)

5.30 100 Per Cent (2487339)

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20.00 Morning Giory (30.4884) 9.00 Hotel (20567) 10.00 Arcelier World (78345) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (86100) 12.00 Open Workey (49529) 1.00pen Genelido (57277) 2.00 Sally Jessy Riphael (54277) 3.00 Jerry Jones (57703) 4.00 Openh Whitey (76836) 6.00 Sar Tink Voyager (3074) 6.00 Dream Team (5354) 6.30 Memied. with Children (8736) 7.00 The Surspects (4703) 7.30 The Surspects (8606) 5.30 The Children (8/139 7.00 The Sampsons (4/13) 7.30 The Sampsons (8001, 1805 The Sampsons (8001, 1805 The Sampsons (8256) 8.00 Therick A Royal Premises (8256) 8.00 Opinh William (11648) 10.00 bior. Uncovered (3/123) 11.00 Sas Treic Voyage (7/3074) 12.00 Late Shote with David Laterston (8/8440) 1.00mm in the Heat of the Night (8/8285) 2.00 Long Play (8/27001) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Ghost of a Chance (1987) 2692/206 7.45 Family Plot (1976) (\*18762) 9.46 Lost Treasure of Dos Santos (1986) (25154516) 11.30 Break-ing Assay (1979) (87308564) 1.15pm Ghost of a Chance (1967) (88876180) 3.00 Red (1986) (78180) 8.00 Agaste Chattle for Mee, in the Brown Sulf CHRISTIA'S THE NICH IN the Brown Sult (1989) (37228) 6.20 Lost Treasure of Dos Sentos (1995) (97567) 8.00 To Wong Foo, Thesics for Everything, Julie Nevener (1995) (85074) 10.05 Eurocalive Decision (1996) (30517528) 12.20mm Christie's the Men in the Bro Decision (1990) (30517529) 12.20mm Decision (1990) (30517529) 12.20mm Decision (1990) (43382) 2.00 Edge of Deception (1994) (674759) 3.35 Forget Paris (1995) (96339196)

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Swiss manager to take over from Francis at White Hart Lane

# Tottenham seek Gross profit

BY DAVID MADDOCK

TOTTENHAM Hotspur will announce today that Christian Gross, at present in charge of Grasshopper Zurich, is to take over as manager. He will succeed Gerry Francis, who cleared his desk at White Hart Lane yesterday - almost three years to the day since he joined the club.

Gross, 43, will be in charge of the Tottenham team for the televised FA Carling Premiership match against Crystal Palace at home on Monday night. Romano Spadaro, the president of Grasshopper. said last night that Gross had already signed a contract and would be taking his assistant coach, Fritz Schmid, with him to White Hart Lane.

Spadaro also said that Gross had approached him ten days ago and had asked to be released from his contract, which was due to expire next summer. Spadaro had turned down three previous requests. "This time I couldn't refuse his request because one of the top

Firm favourite Milosevic on the mat

clubs in London has a higher calibre than Borussia Mönchengladbach, SV Hamburg or a Japanese club, which have all tried to get our trainer in the past two years,"

Gross's appointment finally brings to an end the saga of rumour and speculation surrounding Francis's position. He had come under extreme pressure from Tottenham supporters who bemoaned the team's lack of flair as they languished in sixteenth place in the Premiership, one point above the relegation zone.

It is understood that he had tried to resign on two seperate occasions. He talked openly a week ago of assessing his future, after Spurs suffered an embarrassing 4-0 defeat away to Liverpool. Then he was told by Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, that he was required to stay at least until the end of the season, when his contract expired.

Last Sunday, Sugar said: "I



Pointing the way: Gross is the man that Tottenham are pinning their hopes on to revive the club after its declining fortunes in the Premiership.

anyway. I hope that Gerry sees through his responsibility. Let us get to the end of

Francis went in for training as usual yesterday, even though his players had been given a day off. He departed quickly, though, giving the

Many-headed monster (5)

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In choosing Gross, a Swiss. Tottenham have followed the trend set by their London rivals, Arsenal and Chelsea, in appointing a continental coach. Bernie Kingsley, of the Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association, said last night: "He's a relatively unknown continental coach, but he could be just the thing to turn everything around."

Gross won the Swiss championship in 1995 and 1996 and qualified for the

European Champions' League

don't think that a rudderless indication that there had been in both seasons. They finished pleased to see the arrival of stead to sign a new four-year but in 1996 they beat Rangers 30 in Zurich on the way to finishing third.

Francis's name will now be linked even more strengly with the vacancy at Queens Park Rangers, the club he managed for three years before he left to join Tottenham. The Nationwide League first division club recently parted company with Stewart Houston, their manager, and Bruce Rioch, his assistant. John Hollins is in charge at present

in a caretaker role. One person who may be Ramon Vega, Tottenham's Switzerland defender, who played under Gross at Grassnoppen Several Spurs players, however, are thought to be unhappy with recent develop-

ments at the club and could be looking to leave. Top of the list is Sol Campbell, the England central defender. He has been the subject of two inquiries already from Liverpool and it is understood that they have now tabled a third bid. Campbell turned them down during the summer, preferring in-

cently, though, he indicated to close friends that he has become increasingly disaffected with life at White Hart Lane and would consider

Spars are unlikely to allow him to go readily, but Liver-pool would be prepared to offer Neil Ruddock, Jason McAteer and upto £4 million for the 23-year-old. That might sway Sugar, who is reluctant to spend any more money in massively ahead. the transfer market after a summer spending campaign

# out at lack of top-class talent in England BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT to perform to their best. It's

Woodward hits

CLIVE WOODWARD painted a damning picture of the lack of genuine playing talent in England yesterday, four days before the rugby union international between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford. The national coach conceded that he could hope to field no more than two teams capable of extending the All Blacks, now generally ac-knowledged as the best team in the world.

It was a day for Woodward to confess his own shortcomings, after the disappointment of the drab 15-15 draw with Australia last Saturday. He also acknowledged criticism made by John Hart, coach to New Zealand, that the All Blacks were being required to play three England second-string XVs during their midweek schedule.

"What John Hart says is correct and I agree with him," Woodward said, "but the stark reality is that we have two full Tests and three other fixtures and there is no way we can put out 60 players good enough to face. New Zealand's two top

In ideal circumstances. Woodward would have hoped to have four competitive divisional teams vying for a match, but he is not prepared to recommend fielding XVs that might concede 90 or 100 points to the All Blacks.

Woodward's problem is one that he shares with nearly every country in the world, so far have New Zealand elevated their playing standards above the rest. Scores of between 60 and 90 points have become commonniace, as Argentina and Ireland will testify this year, but Woodward's opinion is nevertheless at odds after the England tour to Argentina last summer, that a strong playing base had been

We are in an extremely serious situation and we knew that when Roger [Uttley] and I took over the management." Woodward said. "New Zealand have 150 contracted players, playing the right amount of games, which puts them

"I envy their players because they are part of a structure which allows them

very hard for anyone without against them. The guys I take my hat off to are the administrators, people like Hart, who have put them in that position.

"We in England are going

through this exercise to see where we are. We have around 70 players in the first division (allowing for numerous overseas players], of whom we can dismiss 20 or 30 because they are just not good enough. We are short of ability, so we have selected the reasons, which is also a compliment to New Zealand and should allow their own second-choice players to improve.\*

It is Woodward's hope that the new Rugby Football Union administration will create a more favourable climate for

Larder calls for unity

the national side, by improving the playing structure and emphasising the need for clubs to release players, not only for the senior representative sides but for the under-21s. whose development Woodward sees as critical to a healthy future.

We haven't got anything like the academy team that England will play when we tour New Zealand next year," he said. "It's a totally different culture. New Zealand give their national team top priority. We haven't got there yet."

Nevertheless, Woodward will sit down this morning to announce his team to play having digested the lessons of the match against Australia and the game last night between England's "emerging" players and the All Blacks at 🕽 🗼 Huddersfield.

The prime message from the game against Australia was the need for a more potent scrimmage. However, Woodward said: "It was a learning week for me. With hindsight, I don't think we prepared very well. Perhaps we tried to do too much in training, tried to fit too much in, which may have confused the players."

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# Uefa takes new look at video issue



irwin: suffered ligament damage dence in disciplinary matters is to be reviewed by Ucta, the governing body of European football. The move has been

initiated after Paul Bosvelt, the Feyenoord midfield player, escaped punishment for his tackle on Denis Irwin, of Manchester United, in the European Cup Champions' League match two weeks ago. discipline the player because the incident was not noted by any of its officials at the match, which United won 3-1 two weeks ago.

Television cameras captured Bosvelt stamping on irwin's left knee and the United defender will be out until Christmas with ligament damage In Great Britain, tele-

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

to punish players and Uefa admits that perhaps it is time it followed suit.

"The evidence used came from the reports from the officials at the game, but nothing was mentioned in them and that is why the player received no sanction." a Uefa spokeswoman said.

"For the moment, it is not our policy to use television evidence and we are in line with Fifa on that. We've never used it before, but that could change and at the moment it is under discussion."

"As TV evidence can't be used legally in these matters, we are unable to take action against the player. The issue of TV and video replays will

yers will need to take a long hard look before we can think of introducing them as evidence."

of almost £15 million.

Bosveit was not even booked because Sandor Puhl, the referee, did not see the incident, although he was substituted immediately afterwards. The player has since described the tackle as "the biggest error of my career". The Ucfa spokesman said:

"We received reports from the officials, but they apparently didn't see anything — there-fore no action is to be taken against the Dutch player.

There was nothing mea-

tioned in the report from the delegate, the referee and the linesman or the observer so we can't make any legal move

# Coaches move out of the slow lane

WHILE it may be stretching a point to say that Kelly Holmes has developed into one of the leading middle-distance runners in the world courtesy of a grandfather's pension, British athletics has been dependent too long, in its quest for medals, on amateur coaches paying for the privilege of working with elite performers. Some of the hobby element is

about to be removed. In a programme announced yesterday, the coaches of Great Britain's best prospects for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney were awarded £450,000 over the next three years. Too often these coaches have been unable to give the athletes the attention they need because they could not

afford it. The new money may be used, for example, to assist the passage of coaches abroad for vinter training with their

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

nold, the coach of Holmes, would have have been in South Africa last winter, but he had to watch his pock-Instead, he coached her by phone and fax

Arnold, a pensioner with seven grandchildren, spends thousands of pounds annually coaching Hoimes and 14 other athletes aged 12 and upwards. Now he can apply, through Holmes, for up to £10,000 a year in

"It is nice to think that, in spite of all the problems that have occured with the BAF (British Athletic Federation) going bust, coaches are going to be looked after more than

they have in the past," Arnold said. Arnold, 63, does not add up the money he spends on travel to training and competition, phone calls and equipment You just pay it out

because you love the sport," he said. "You just do it, don't you? I have a guaranteed pension income, but it is tight. There are a lot of coaches who can do a better job if they have got the

While the BAF is in administration, this scheme is financed by the World Class Performance programme, which is funded by the National Lottery and is immune from the governing body's crisis. The money comes from

the El.4 million a year made available for development of the sport and will be admin tered by Performance Athlete Services Ltd, the performance arm of British athletics.

This is the first new programme financed by lottery money although some has been used to pay the salaries of the BAF's performance and technical directors, and support staff. Fifteen athletes have been named as eligible to apply for personal coach funding. The list can change depending on performance.

Iwan Thomas, the British 400 metres record-holder, who is one of the athletes on the list, is pleased that his coach, Mike Smith, will have his burden eased. "Mike comes training every night and nobody pays him anything." Thomas said. "I know he needs a new car. Perhans he could use the money for that."



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